

MAR 9 1944

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100TH BOMB GROUP MISSION NUMBER 127.

Field Order Number: 175.

Primary Target: Granienburg, Berlin; Heinkel Component Works.

Secondary Target: PFF for center of Berlin.

Last Resort: Any military objective positively identified as being in Germany -- any target within 50 miles of the Dutch border must be positively identified.

Duty Officer: Lt. Bauman

Officers' Briefing: Major Shaw

Gunners' Briefing: Lt. Terry.

Time of Briefing: 0430

Time of Take Off: 0730

E. T. R. 1540

Result: Completed, Secondary Target.

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MISSION FOLDER CHECK LIST

1. Warning order, field order, annexes

Target maps & illustrations:

Briefing information: a) Main Briefing
 b) Gunners' briefing.
 c) Camera installations
 d) Authorized lists of admission.

2. Formation chart;

Interrogation Forms;

Combat forms & a) Letter of transmittal
 b) 3rd B.D. evaluated encounters letter,
 c) Evaluated Encounters ltr, 3rd B.D. to Station S-1

3. A/C Returning early:

Hot News (A/C in distress, and shipping)

Statistical Telephone

Narrative telephone or teletype

Intelligence Report

Aircraft landing Away

PRO Reports

Miscellaneous reports a) Medical
 b) Equipment malfunctions
 c) Crew suggestions to C.O.
 d) Battle damage
 e) Sortie information
 f) Flak

Missing A/C and Missing Crew reports

4. 3rd B.D. Flash report, & Narrative teletype
Strike photos, raid assessments, BCNO, etc.
Statistical Work sheet;
Mission folder check list.

(Material placed in the folder in this order; material mentioned
 last is on top)

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AUTH 8th Ftr Comm

Ltr of 14 SEPT 1945

Date SEP 19 1945

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MAR 9 1944

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS.....PT ORANLEBURG ST BERLIN LR 0300 E - Dispatch Line. DATE 9/3/44
100 GROUP 1402 HRS. 23200 ALT. GROUP HRS. ALT.

| PILOT | SQDN | A/C NO. | LOADING | PT | TARGET | OTHER | OTHER | K | W | M | R | BATTLE DAMAGE | SLIGHT | JETTISONED | BRIT BACK | REMARKS |
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| LT. C. H. COWAN | 349 | 249 | 10x500 | | | | | | | | | | | 10x500 | 5230 0250 | BT OXY. SYST OUT 5230 0440 |
| LT. W. C. FORSYTHE | 418 | 087 | " | | | | | | | | | | | 10x500 | 5245 0225 | #1 ENGINE OUT 5245 0223 |
| LT. J. B. GIBBONS | 350 | 988 | " | | | | | | | | | | | 10x500 | 10x500 | COULD NOT CATCH FORMATION 5235 0200 |
| LT. J. C. HARPER | 418 | 895 | " | | | | | | | | | | | 10x500 | 10x500 | INSUFFICIENT OXYGEN 5230 0302 |
| LT. J. F. MALOOLY | 350 | 049 | " | | | | | | | | | | | 10x500 | 10x500 | ADD SICK COLCHESTER |
| LT. J. F. MASSOL | 351 | 047 | " | | | | | | | | | | | 10x500 | 10x500 | |
| LT. R. V. E. MONRAD | 351 | 936 | " | | | | | | | | | | | 10x500 | 10x500 | |
| LT. C. W. MYLIUS | 351 | 018 | " | | | | | | | | | | | 10x500 | 10x500 | |
| LT. D. S. PEARSON | 350 | 537 | " | | | | | | | | | | | 10x500 | 10x500 | |

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10 MARCH 1944

1. EIGHTH AIR FORCE - DAY 9 MARCH 1944

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HEADQUARTERS USSTAF

9 MARCH 1944.

DAILY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

USSTAF OPERATIONS:

8 MARCH: EIGHTH AIR FORCE: 411 B-17'S AND 209 B-24'S WERE DISPATCHED ON THE VKF BALL BEARING WORKS AT ERKNER, 16 MILES SE. OF BERLIN; 320 B-17'S AND 150 B-24'S BOMBED THE TARGET VISUALLY WITH GOOD RESULTS. A MARSHALLING YARD, GAS-HOLDER AND NEARBY TOWN WERE ALSO HIT. 29 B-24'S ATTACKED THE CENTER OF BERLIN AND 29 B-17'S BOMBED THE BERLINER MASCHINENBAU A.G. WORKS AT WILDAU NEAR ERKNER, ALSO WITH GOOD RESULTS. CLAIMS WERE 42-14-9 FOR LOSS OF 29 B-17'S AND 9 B-24'S.

612 P-47'S, 184 P-51'S AND 80 P-38'S ON ESCORT CLAIMED 86-12-32 FOR LOSS OF 10 P-47'S, 4 P-51'S AND 3 P-38'S.

15TH AIR FORCE:

8 MARCH: BAD WEATHER RESTRICTED OPERATIONS; B-24'S WITH P-47 ESCORT WERE RECALLED AND OTHER MISSIONS WERE CANCELLED.

NIGHT 7/8 MARCH: 12 WELLINGTONS ATTACKED SAN STEFANO WITHOUT LOSS.

WESTERN EUROPEAN THEATER:

8 MARCH: ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY AIR FORCE; 95 NINTH AIR FORCE B-26'S ATTACKED VOLKEL AIRFIELD AND 47 B-26'S ATTACKED SOESTERBERG AIRFIELD IN HOLLAND WITHOUT LOSS. R.A.F. TYPHOON BOMBERS AND MOSQUITOES ATTACK MILITARY OBJECTIVES IN NORTHERN FRANCE. TYPHOONS AND SPITFIRES ATTACK RIVER TRANSPORT IN HOLLAND AND NORTHERN FRANCE.

NIGHT 8/9 MARCH: R.A.F. BOMBER COMMAND HAD NO OPERATIONS.

THREE ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPERATED OVER COASTAL AREAS OF SUSSEX AND HANTS.

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER:

8 MARCH: GROUND OPERATIONS: ITALY: ON THE 5TH ARMY FRONT BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER THE MAIN FRONT WAS QUIET AND REGROUPING OF OUR UNITS IS IN PROGRESS.

IN THE ANZIO BRIDGEHEAD AREA, THE ENEMY LAUNCHED TWO SMALL ABORTIVE ATTACKS NEAR THE CENTER OF THE PERIMETER.

ON THE 8TH ARMY FRONT, CANADIAN PATROLS CLASHED WITH ENEMY PATROLS NEAR TOLLO; THERE WAS SLIGHT INCREASE IN ENEMY SHELLING IN THE COASTAL AREA.

EASTERN EUROPEAN FRONT:

8 MARCH: ON THE UKRAINIAN FRONT, THE RUSSIANS HAVE CAPTURED CHERNY OSTROV, ABOUT 11 MILES NORTHWEST OF PROSKURA AND ADVANCED TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF STARO KONSTANTINOV, IMPORTANT GERMAN BASE, WHERE HEAVY FIGHTING IS NOW IN PROGRESS.

GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACKS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN THE NARVA SECTOR, BUT THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE LINE.

THE RUSSIAN AIR FORCE WAS ACTIVE BOMBING TROOP CONCENTRATIONS IN THE NARVA SECTOR AND DESTROYING 32 AIRCRAFT ON TWO ENEMY AIRDROMES.

SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC THEATER:

7 MARCH: IN THE ADMIRALTY ISLANDS, U.S. FORCES EXTENDED THEIR AREA OF OCCUPATION ON LOS NEGROS ISLAND. OUR PLANES ARE NOW USING MOMOTE AIRFIELD.

IN NEW BRITAIN, U.S. FORCES ON WILLAUMEZ PENINSULA ARE CONSOLIDATING THEIR BRIDGEHEAD NEAR TALASEA. OUR AIR PATROLS ATTACKED TARGETS AT CAPE HOSKINS AND ON GAROVE ISLAND.

IN NEW IRELAND, OUR HEAVY BOMBERS ATTACKED AIRFIELDS IN THE KAVIENG REGION.

IN NEW GUINEA IN THE HANSA BAY AREA, OUR LIGHT NAVAL UNITS SANK TWO COASTAL VESSELS. ALONG THE RAI COAST, OUR GROUND FORCES FROM YALAU HAVE REACHED KUMISANGER ON THE WEST FLANK AND MINDIRI ON THE EAST.

IN THE GREEN ISLANDS, AN AIRSTRIIP HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND IS NOW IN USE.

IN THE SOLOMONS, U.S. DIVE BOMBERS ATTACKED ENEMY POSITIONS ON THE TOROKINA PERIMETER.

INDIA-BURMA AND FAR EAST:

SOUTHEAST ASIA AIR COMMAND AIRCRAFT 6 AND 7 MARCH ATTACKED ENEMY POSITIONS IN THE MAINGKWAN AREA, ENEMY CAMP AT SHADUZUP, TARGETS IN BANGKOK, BUILDINGS AND RIVERCRAFT IN THE IRRAWADDY/KTHXXXXX IRRAWADDY/KATHA AREA, AIRFIELD AT ANISAKAN AND ROLLING STOCK IN THE CHINDWIN AND WUNTHO AREAS.

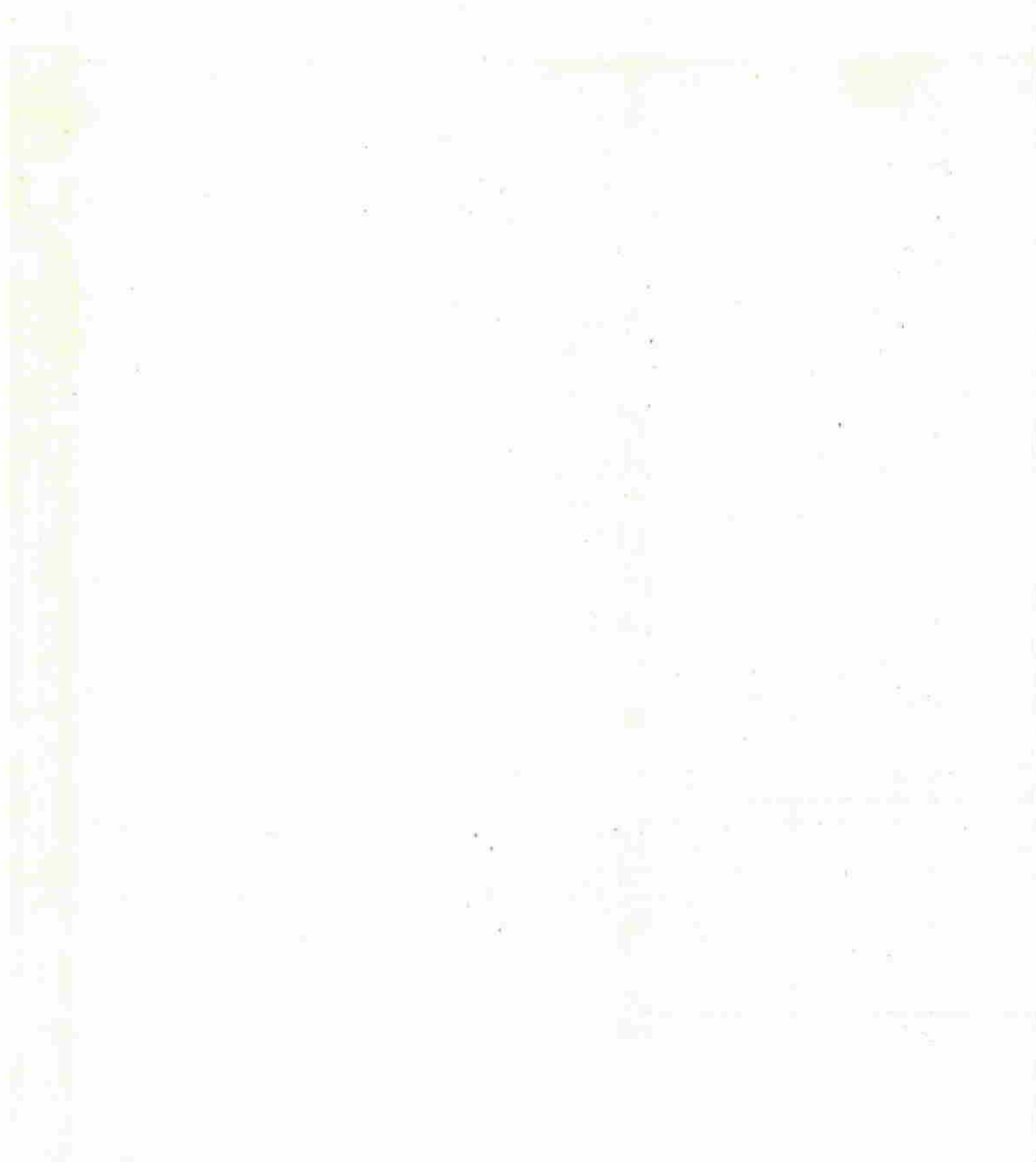
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DAILY SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

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1. EIGHTH AIR FORCE - DAY, 8 MARCH 1944

A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON THE LUFTWAFFE, BOTH IN THE AIR AND ON THE GROUND, WAS MADE BY TEN COMBAT WINGS OF EIGHTH AIR FORCE HEAVY BOMBERS, ESCORTED BY SEVENTEEN GROUPS OF USAAF FIGHTERS, WHICH PENETRATED TO THE BERLIN AREA TO BOMB THE VKF BEARING PLANT, ONE OF THE FEW PRODUCERS OF THIS COMPONENT NOT PREVIOUSLY ATTACKED. PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATE THAT THIS BALL BEARING PLANT, AT ERKNER, WHICH PRODUCED ONE HALF OF THE MINIMUM ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE GERMAN AIR FORCE, WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED BY OVER 900 TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED ON IT BY 470 BOMBERS. IN ADDITION, ESCORTING FIGHTERS SCORED HEAVILY AGAINST THE GERMAN AIR OPPOSITION.

620 HEAVY BOMBERS, 411 B-17S AND 209 B-24S, WERE DISPATCHED AGAINST THIS TARGET OF AN AIRBORNE FORCE OF 702 AIRCRAFT. 320 B-17S AND 150 B-24S HIT THE PRIMARY, DROPPING 649 TONS OF IB AND 278.5 TONS OF GP, BOMBING VISUALLY; WEATHER WAS REPORTED AS CAVU. IN ADDITION, 29 B-24S DROPPED 49 TONS OF IB AND 22 TONS OF GP ON THE CENTER OF BERLIN WITH GOOD RESULTS; 29 B-17S DROPPED 46 TONS OF IB AND 15.5 TONS OF GP ON THE AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS FACTORY AT WILDAU WITH GOOD RESULTS; SEVEN B-17S AND FOUR B-24S DROPPED 15 TONS OF I.B. AND 8 TONS OF GP ON SCATTERED OPPORTUNITY TARGETS WITH RESULTS UNOBSERVED.

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF STRIKE PHOTOS, ALTHOUGH IT IS MADE DIFFICULT BY LARGE CLOUDS OF SMOKE RISING FROM THE PLANT SOON AFTER THE START OF THE ATTACK, INDICATES THAT FORMATIONS FROM ALL THREE DIVISIONS HAD GOOD PATTERNS COVERING THE TARGET AREA AT ERKNER. PRU A/C OVER THE TARGET TWO HOURS AFTER THE ATTACK REPORTED LARGE FIRES STILL BURNING, AND THE ROOF OF THE ONLY BUILDING VISIBLE CAVED IN. THE FIRST COMBAT WING TO ATTACK WAS KNOWN TO HAVE HAD INCENDIARY STRIKES ON ALL COMPONENTS OF THE PLANT. IN ADDITION, THE ADJACENT MARSHALLING YARD AND TOWN AND A LARGE GAS-HOLDER ARE REPORTED HIT.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION TO THE BOMBERS WAS CONCENTRATED AGAINST THE LEAD COMBAT WING, WHICH WAS ATTACKED BY 100 TO 150 E/A BETWEEN NEINBERG AND THE TARGET. THIS FORMATION LOST 17 B-17S, WHILE OTHER WINGS REPORTED WEAK OPPOSITION. TOTAL LOSSES WERE 29 B-17S AND 9 B-24S, WHILE BOMBER CREWS CLAIM 42-14-9.

BOMBERS WERE ESCORTED TO THE TARGET AND ON RETURN BY 612 P-47S, 184 P-51S AND 80 P-38S. FIGHTERS REPORTED OVER 430 E/A ENCOUNTERED, THE LARGEST ENGAGEMENT BEING WITH ABOUT 150 E/A IN THE DUMMER LAKE AREA EN ROUTE TO THE TARGET. 10 P-47S, FOUR P-51S AND THREE P-38S WERE LOST FOR TOTAL PRELIMINARY CLAIMS OF 86-12-32, MAKING TOTAL CLAIMS FOR BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS 128-26-41.

NIGHT - 8/9 MARCH 1944

NO OPERATIONS.

7TH PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE GROUP

5 A/C WERE DISPATCHED ON PHOTOGRAPHIC MISSIONS IN GERMANY AND NORTHERN FRANCE. PICTURES WERE OBTAINED OF BERLIN INCLUDING COVERAGE OF THE ERKNER BALL-BEARING PLANT, ROBERT BOSCH A.G., AND THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE DAIMLER-BENZ GENSCHAGEN COMPLEX. PHOTOGRAPHS OF QUACKENBRUCK, HOPSTEIN, THE LINGEN AREA AND A "MILITARY INSTALLATION IN FRANCE" WERE ALSO OBTAINED. ALL A/C RETURNED SAFELY.

2. NINTH AIR FORCE

MORNING - 8 MARCH

OF 230 B-26S DISPATCHED, 142 ATTACKED, 95 B-26S DROPPING 155 TONS ON VOLKEL A/D AND 47 T-26XXXXXX B-26S DROPPING 65 TONS ON SOESTERBERG A/D, BOTH WITH GOOD RESULTS. THERE WERE NO CLAIMS OR LOSSES.

AFTERNOON - 8 MARCH 1944

OD 93 B-26S DISPATCHED, 73 MADE A REPEAT ATTACK ON SOSTERBERG A/D DROPPING 101 TONS WITH GOOD RESULTS. THERE WERE NO CLAIMS OR LOSSES. (DETAILS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE OF 13 B-26S WHICH LANDED AWAY FROM BASE.)

IXX FOUR FIGHTER GROUPS PROVIDED PARTIAL SUPPORT FOR THE ATTACK ON BERLIN BY HEAVY BOMBERS OF THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE. (SEE ABOVE.) TWO GROUPS FLEW DOUBLE MISSIONS MAKING A TOTAL EFFORT OF 246 SORTIES. 2 P-51S AND 1 P-47 WERE LOST WHILE CLAIMS OF 6-10-1 WERE MADE.

R.A.F.

12 MOSQUITOES ATTACKED TWO "CROSSBOW" TARGETS; 4 WITH GOOD RESULTS; 8, UNOBSERVED.

16 TYPHOONS SWEEPED THE HOTLAND AREA, DAMAGING A FEW BARGES.

12 MUSTANGS FLEW A LOW-LEVEL SWEEP OFFRANCE WITHOUT INCIDENT.

30 SPITFIRES ON SWEEP OF FRANCE LOST 2 A/C TO FLAK.

IXY 36 A/C ON PRU SORTIES. 1 SPITFIRES LOST.

28 MUSTANGS PROVIDED ADDITIONAL ESCORT FOR THE EIGHTH A R FORCE ATTACK ON BERLIN. NO CLAIMS OR LOSSES.

3. FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE - DAY 8 MARCH 1944

UNFAVORABLE WEATHER RESTRICTED OPERATIONS. LIBERATORS WITH THUNDERBOLT ESCORT WERE DISPATCHED BUT RECALLED.

1 P-38 ON PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE COMERED ROMA MARSHALLING YARD, CERVETERI A/D AND FURBARA A/D.

1 P-38 FLEW ON PHOTOGRAPHIC MISSION OVER BALKANS; UNSUCCESSFUL DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

2 P-38S ON UNEVENTFUL WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE.

1 P-3 ON WEATHER MISSION, SUCCESSFULLY EVADED 2 S/E E/A FIGHTERS OVER GULF OF VENICE.

4. R.A.F. BOMBER COMMAND - NIGHT 8/9 MARCH 1944

NIL.

5. G.A.F. ACT VITIES OVER ENGLA

DAY - 8 MARCH 1944

NIL

NIGHT - 8/9 MARCH 1944

3 E/A MADE VERY SHALLOW PENETRATION OVER SOUTH COAST OF ENGLAND. 2 BOMBS WERE DROPPED, ON AT ANGMERING AND ONE AT HORNDEN. SLIGHT DAMAGE, NO CASUALTIES.

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7TH PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE GROUP

6 A/C WERE DISPATCHED ON PHOTOGRAPHIC MISSIONS OVER GERMANY AND NORTHERN FRANCE. MOST OF THE TARGETS WERE CLOUD COVERED, BUT PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN OF ROUEN, BERGERAC AND COGNAC/CHATEAUBERNARD A/F'S AND OF THE BORDEAUX AND AUXERRE AREAS. ALL A/C RETURNED SAFELY.

2. ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY AIR FORCE - DAY 9 MARCH 1944

NINTH AIR FORCE

NO OPERATIONS DUE TO WEATHER.

R.A.F.

6 TYPHOONS ON LE TREPORT, 4 MUSTANGS ON BRUSSELS AREA AND 2 MOSQUITOES ON LYONS. 6 MOSQUITOES WITH 2 MOSQUITOES AS PFF DROPPED 8 TONS ON "CROSSBOW" WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. 2 MOSQUITOES ON RENNES, NOT YET RETURNED. 4 SPITFIRES ON SWEEP OF LILLE, SOIGNES AREA.

3. FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE - 9 MARCH 1944

NO OPERATIONS DUE TO WEATHER.

4. R.A.F. BOMBER COMMAND - DAY 9 MARCH 1944

NIL.

NIGHT 9/10 MARCH 1944

44 A/C ON MARIGNANE A/C FACTORY (NEAR MARSEILLES)
 8 MOSQUITOES ON DUSSELDORF.
 2 MOSQUITOES AS SUPPORT TO BOMBERS.
 DETAILS OF THE ABOVE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

5. G.A.F. ACTIVITIES OVER ENGLAND

NIL.

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EIGHTH AIR FORCE NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS

253rd Operation - 9 March 1944

1st Bombardment Division - BERLIN
2nd Bombardment Division - HANOVER
3rd Bombardment Division - BERLIN

Seven combat wings of B-17s and 3 of B-24s were dispatched to attack targets in the Berlin area. 10/10 undercast persisted over the Continent and throughout the entire route with the result that none of the aircraft were able to bomb their primaries. A force of 361 B-17s and 165 B-24s was dispatched on this operation of which number 339 B-17s and 150 B-24s attacked. Bomber on Pathfinder a/c, whose equipment was working well, 331 B-17s dropped 775.5 tons on Berlin - the southwest corner of Tiergarten. Pathfinder a/c leading 2nd Division formations report poorly working equipment and 110 B-24s dropped 302 tons on what was believed to be Hanover, 30 B-24s dropped 81 tons on Nauen and 9 B-24s dropped 27 tons on Brunswick. 8 B-17s and 1 B-24 dropped 20.5 tons on targets of opportunity in Germany. Results of all bombing was unobserved and as strike attack photographs are cloud obscured, no assessment of damage is available.

Enemy fighter opposition was the weakest yet experienced during a major operation. A total of approximately 20 e/a was seen by our fighters and bombers, and the only attack of the day resulted in the only claim of the day - 1 Me 109 destroyed. Flak was generally moderate with some crews reporting intense AA fire over Berlin and Hanover. Six B-17s and 2 B-24s are missing. However, two of the B-17s were ditched in the channel, and 10 crew members were rescued. The claim of 1-0-0 was made by a B-24 Pathfinder a/c.

Uneventful escort was flown by 23 groups of USAAF fighters, three of which flew second sorties. Additional support was provided by two squadrons of RAF Mustangs. One P-38 is missing.

BOMBER OPERATIONS

| <u>Unit</u> | <u>(AB</u> | <u>Number of Aircraft</u> | | | | <u>Tons on O.T.'s</u> | | <u>Claims</u> |
|----------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | <u>Disp.</u> | <u>Attacked</u> | <u>Lost</u> | | <u>G.P.</u> | <u>I.B.</u> | |
| <u>1ST BOMB DIV.</u> | | | <u>Primary</u> | <u>O.T.'s</u> | | | | |
| 1st CW | 52 | 52 | 0 | 51 | 0 | 95 | 38 | 0-0-0 |
| 40th CW | 68 | 60 | 0 | 53 | 2 | 91 | 28 | 0-0-0 |
| 41st CW | 60 | 55 | 0 | 50 | 1 * | 84 | 34 | 0-0-0 |
| 94th CW | 64 | 55 | 0 | 52 | 0 | 92 | 29 | 0-0-0 |
| Pathfinders | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| | 247 | 224 | 0 | 208 | 3 | 364 | 129 | 0-0-0 |

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| Unit | (AB) | Number of Aircraft | | | | Tons on O.T.'s | | Claims |
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| | | Disp. | Attacked | Lost | | G.P. | I.B. | |
| | | | Primary | O.T.'s | | | | |
| 2ND BOMB DIV. | | | | | | | | |
| 2nd CW | 44 | 40 | 0 | 35 | 1 | 67 | 21 | 0-0-0 |
| 14th CW | 79 | 70 | 0 | 62 | 0 | 135 | 41 | 0-0-0 |
| 20th CW | 60 | 53 | 0 | 51 | 1 | 99.5 | 45 | 0-0-0 |
| Pathfinders | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1-0-0 |
| | 185 | 165 | 0 | 150 | 2 | 303.5 | 107 | 1-0-0 |

3RD BOMB DIV.

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| 4th CW | 68 | 61 | 0 | 59 | 2 | 95 | 44 | 0-0-0 |
| 13th CW | 45 | 37 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 40 | 36 | 0-0-0 |
| 45th CW | 55 | 37 | 0 | 37 | 1 | 52.5 | 34 | 0-0-0 |
| Pathfinder | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| | 171 | 137 | 0 | 131 | 3 x | 189.5 | 114 | 0-0-0 |

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| TOTALS | 603 | 526 | 0 | 489 | 8 ** | 857 | 350 | 1-0-0 |
|--------|-----|-----|---|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|

* Tail was knocked off by bomb dropped by a/c flying in high group of same CW.

** Reports indicate that one a/c landed in Sweden, crew unhurt.

x Two of these a/c were ditched in the channel and 10 crew members were saved.

BOMBING RESULTS: Bombing was done through 10/10 cloud with the aid of Pathfinder a/c and results were unobserved. 1st and 3rd Division Pathfinder a/c report their equipment was working well, but 2nd Division Pathfinder a/c report poorly operating equipment.

331 B-17s dropped 2144 x 500 G.P. and 4798 x 100 I.B., - 775.5 tons - from 21,700 to 27,000 feet at 1355 to 1407 hours. Reports of PFF crews indicate that bombs fell on the southwestern part of the Tiergarten section of Berlin.

110 B-24s dropped 959 x 500 G.P. and 1248 x 100 I.B. - 302 tons - on what was believed to be Hanover. This attack was carried out between 1317 and 1415 hours from 16,000 to 22,500 feet. Two Pathfinders led the B-24s; one reports bombing in the vicinity of Hanover and the other dropped 4 x 500 G.P. at a point about ten miles east of Osnabruck.

30 B-24s dropped 143 x 500 G.P. and 900 x 100 I.B. - 81 tons - on Nauen, at 1358 to 1404 hours from 19,000 to 21,000 feet. 9 B-24s dropped 108 x 500 G.P. - 27 tons - at 1356 to 1403 hours from 16,000 to 19,000 feet on what was believed to be Brunswick.

8 B-17s dropped 70 x 500 G.P. and 42 x 100 I.B. - 19.5 tons - and 1 B-24 dropped 4 x 500 G.P. - 1 ton - on targets of opportunity in Germany.

In addition, 2,012,000 US G 26 and 29 type leaflets were dropped over Berlin.

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ENCOUNTERS: Enemy fighter opposition was practically nil with only 5 e/a being seen by our bombers. The one combat which was reported was between an Me 109 and a B-24 Pathfinder a/c. The e/a, one of a group of three seen, came in at 12 o'clock level to 500 yards and was shot down.

REASONS FOR FAILURE TO BOMB: 22 B-17s and 15 B-24s failed to bomb - 19 B-17s and 9 B-24s due to mechanical or equipment failure, 1 B-24 due to weather, 1 B-17 and 1 B-24 due to flak, 2 B-17s and 4 B-24s due to other reasons.

CASUALTIES: Personnel - 6 crew members wounded, 73 missing and 10 were rescued. Equipment - 6 B-17s and 2 B-24s were lost - 1 B-24 to AA, 1 B-17 to accident, 5 B-17s and 1 B-24 due to unknown reasons. 2 of the B-17s were ditched in the channel.

Estimated Battle Damage - 137 B-17s and 75 B-24s category "A" and "AC", 8 B-17s and 1 B-24 category "B".

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE: Intense barrage type flak was encountered over Berlin. Flak over Hanover was also intense. Moderate to intense AA fire was encountered at Nienburg, Brandenburg, Magdeburg and Osnabruck. Rockets were reported in the Berlin area. 1st Division crews report that AA fire was withheld until after bombs away.

WEATHER: Weather over the entire route and the targets was 10/10 undercast with tops from 6,000 to 12,000 feet. The wind was much stronger than briefed causing 1st and 3rd Division formations to bomb late.

OBSERVATIONS: Balloons were reported in the vicinity of Dummer Lake at 4,000 feet, just above the undercast. A red flare appeared to be shot from the ground just before one group bombed near Hanover.

FIGHTER OPERATIONS

| <u>Group</u> | <u>Type of A/C</u> | <u>Type of Support</u> | <u>No. A/c on Mission</u> | <u>Lost</u> | <u>Claims</u> |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 363 * | P-51 | Penetration | 28 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 362 * | P-47 | Penetration | 50 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 354 * | P-51 | Penetration | 33 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 358 * | P-47 | Penetration | 42 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 56A | P-47 | Penetration | 36 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 56B | P-47 | Penetration | 28 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 352 | (P-47) | Penetration | 40 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| | (P-51) | | 7 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 353 | P-47 | Penetration | 35 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 355A | P-51 | Penetration | 21 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 4 | P-51 | Target | 23 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 20 | P-38 | Target | 25 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 357 | P-51 | Target | 35 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 55 | P-38 | Target & Withdrawal | 35 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 352 ** | (P-47) | Target & Withdrawal | 43 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| | (P-51) | | 6 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 355B | P-47 | Withdrawal | 27 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 356 | P-47 | Withdrawal | 45 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 78B | P-47 | Withdrawal | 37 | 0 | 0-0-0 |

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C O N F I D E N T I A LFIGHTER OPERATIONS (Cont.)

| <u>Group</u> | <u>Type of A/C</u> | <u>Type of Support</u> | <u>No. A/C on Mission</u> | <u>Lost</u> | <u>Claims</u> |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 364 | P-38 | Withdrawal | 28 | 1 | 0-0-0 |
| 78A | P-47 | Withdrawal | 33 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 361 ** | P-47 | Withdrawal | 35 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 359 ** | P-47 | Withdrawal | 43 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 359 | P-47 | Area Support | 45 | 0 | 0-0-0 |
| 361 | P-47 | Area Support | <u>33</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0-0-0</u> |
| | | | 813 | 1 | 0-0-0 |

* Ninth Air Force a/c.

** Second sorties.

Full escort was furnished the bombers by 19 groups of Eighth Air Force fighters - 13 of P-47s (three of which flew second sorties), 3 of P-51s and 3 of P-38s. Ninth Air Force furnished 2 groups of P-47s and 2 of P-51s, and two squadrons of RAF Mustangs provided additional support. A total of approximately 20 e/a was seen during the day which is the smallest enemy reaction experienced during a major operation. Adverse weather undoubtedly played a big part in keeping the enemy fighters on the ground.

ESCORT TO 1ST, 2ND and 3RD DIVISIONS

Penetration: The 361st Group rendezvoused with four combat wings at 1055 and escorted them uneventfully until relieved by other groups at 1124 hours. 352nd Group rendezvoused at 1040 hours at mid-channel and escorted bombers until relieved. This group sighted 8 to 10 s/e e/a at 26,000 feet at 1102 hours and three minutes later observed 10 e/a attacking bombers with rockets from 29,000 to 30,000 feet. (Note: No reports on this incident have been received from the bombers.) 56 A Group rendezvoused west of Dummer Lake at 1140 hours and escorted until 1225. No e/a were seen. 355th Group rendezvoused at 1203 hours north of Hanover and escorted without incident until 1315 hours. 359th Group rendezvoused at 1118 over the Zuider Zee and escorted until 1141 without incident. 358th Group rendezvoused at 1131 at 15 miles west of Lingen and gave uneventful escort until 1154 hours. 56 B Group took up escort east of Lingen at 1155 hours and broke off west of Gardelegen at 1230 hours. No e/a seen. 363rd Group rendezvoused between Neinberg and Celle at 1154 hours and left bombers in the vicinity of Rathenou at 1319 hours. 362nd Group rendezvoused at Allaman at 1127 hours and escorted uneventfully to the vicinity of Barenburg at 1220 hours. 353rd Group rendezvoused at mid-channel at 1100 hours and escorted until 1230 without incident.

Target: 354th Group rendezvoused at 1220 hours at an undetermined point due to weather and escorted to the target area. Two flights left bombers in the target area at 1330 hours while the third flight escorted until 1405 hours. No e/a seen. 55th Group rendezvoused 30 miles northeast of Berlin at 1355 hours and escorted bombers through the target area leaving them at 1425 as P-47s arrived. No e/a seen. 4 Group joined 1st Air Task Force at 1255 hours, orbited and waited for 2nd Air Task Force. This group rendezvoused with three Combat Wings at 1330 and escorted them over the target leaving at 1400. No e/a seen. 20 Group rendezvoused with 3rd Division at 1314 hours at Ulzen and escorted bombers over the target breaking off escort at 1400 hours 10 miles west of the target.

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No e/a seen. 357th Group picked up B-24s one hour early at 1143 hours and escorted them through the target area breaking escort in the vicinity of Steinhuder Lake at 1358 hours. No e/a seen. 364th Group rendezvoused north of Steinhuder Lake at 1234 hours and escorted uneventfully until 1312 hours. Bombers were reported 35 minutes late.

Withdrawal: 78th Group went to rendezvous point northeast of Dummer Lake at 1404 hours but did not make rendezvous as the bombers reported they were 50 miles north of course and 15 minutes late. 355th Group received word that bombers would be 40 minutes late so they continued on course and rendezvoused with B-24s at 1433 escorting them until 1515 hours. 356th Group on the way in saw one Combat Wing of B-24s and 361st Squadron escorted it briefly. Another unescorted combat wing of B-24s was covered from Dummer Lake area to mid-channel. The rest of the group rendezvoused with B-17s at 1437 in the vicinity of Hanover and escorted them over the Zuider Zee until 1514 hours. 78 A group flew charted course but did not make rendezvous as bombers were reported 30 minutes late. One box of B-24s was seen in the vicinity of Quackenbruck and reported they were all right. 361st group on its 2nd mission saw five sections of B-24s near the Zuider Zee at 1435 hours. 1st and 3rd Division formations were picked up in this general area by squadrons of 361 group. 359 group on second mission met bombers and escorted them to Egmond. 3 e/a were seen but there were no combats. 352 group on second mission arrived at rendezvous area at 1437 hours and picked up 2 boxes of B-24s at 1441 hours south of course and escorted them to the enemy coast. Two squadrons of RAF Mustangs gave additional support which was uneventful.

NOTE: The foregoing is based on preliminary information and should not be used for record purposes.

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FROM: James Earl Ray (Group) Det. W. B. Smith (Reporting Officer)

1944-45 1945-46

- Altitude of Low A/C
- 28,000

Only four edge files in stock. They don't sell them 2 more

3. Visibility at target. (Condensation, trails, clouds, etc.)
10/10 no mist - no trails

4. No. of A/C over target _____

5. A/C damaged by, and/or lost to flak: 1 A/C damaged

| A/C No. | Height | Classification | Brief Description (i.e. place lost, extent of damage, etc.) |
|---------|---------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5037 | 22,000' | slightly | Hole in left outer wing panel, skin damage |
| 5012 | 22,000' | slightly | Hole in skin of air intake between fuselage and #1 engine, skin damage. |

7. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing?

5 minutes

8. Turn after bombing. (Course away from target)

to right to 270°

9. Short description of evasive action in target area.

None.

10. A description of flak en route and at target, including if possible, suggestions as to type of fire control employed. Include herein any phenomena or comments.

On route in a barrage was put up over destination low to right in line-up. The next flak was encountered at destination 1/2. This was low to right and longer. The next flak was encountered from the direction over Vorden and escape. This was level to right and nearer in bursts of 1 to 3. At the same time a barrage was put up over destination. Further in a few bursts were put up from destination to right and high. Beyond destination some flak reported moderate but inaccurate was encountered at 18:34. The location is uncertain but probably some form of accurate was used (12941's report). Flak was also reported at 18:35, the IV. This was nearer to left low to level. Flak was intense over Berlin but not aimed at left of group and low. Rocket batteries were reported firing in salvoes of 6. These rockets left a trail of smoke, burst with a large red flash and many came out of which small streams were sent out which burst with a small white puff. A rocket left flak was reported at 18:36 in distance from destination. This was 12941's called they were expected to be a safety away for one, time 18:38. At 18:38 about 20 or so of flak were reported put up in distance to left probably from destination. Later a group was put up over destination at 18:41 in low but accurate in bursts encountered over destination, being within bursts of pointed flak, in bursts of 1 to 3. Both ships suffered their damage here. It was here that we entered and from this point on to coast. All above flak was under control.

S-2 Capt *Anick*STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships OnlyTARGET Berlin (Orienburg) DATE OF ATTACK 9-3-44PILOT'S NAME Lt. R. V. Monrad NAVIGATOR Kizak A/C NO. 936

1. The 100th A Group flew (high-lead-low) of the 13th() C.W. in 3rd B.D. Formation.
The 100th B Group flew (high-lead-low) " " " () " " " " " "

2. Altitude over Target -

| | Lead | A/C | A Group | B Group |
|---------|------|-----|--------------|---------|
| Highest | " | " | <u>23200</u> | |
| Lowest | " | " | | |

3. True Heading on Bomb Run

4. Ground Speed on Bomb Run

5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing _____ sec. _____ sec.

6. Time Bombs Away
- 14:02

7. Turn from Target after Bombing
- right

8. True Course Away from Target
- 270

9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area:
- none

10. Visibility at Target:
- 10/10 - ~~no~~ no trails

11. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

| TIME | COORDINATES | TRUE HEADING | GROUND SPEED | REMARKS |
|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1111 | 5237 0437 | 93 | 160 | |
| 1132 | ZWOLLE | 95 | 160 | 1201-1207 - OSNABURG DUMMER LATE |
| 1300 | ULZEN | 70 | 163 | AREA. FLAK MED. HANNOVER 1229-1223 Brunswick 15 mi. RIGHT |
| 1308 | 5206 - 1050 | 75 | 163 | |
| 1350 | 5240 - 1310 | 112 | 230 | |
| 1403 | BERLIN | 112 | 230 | BOMBS AWAY 40. 1354-1408 H.V. FLAK FU over Berlin. Black down B Low. |
| 1420 | 5218 - 1220 | 308 | 227 | |
| 1430 | STENDAL | 300 | 224 | FLAK. S.M. RIGHT LIGHT |
| 1440 | 5238 - 1050 | 302 | 190 | 1452 - MED LEVEL BLACK HANNOVER COLL. |
| 1510 | 5215 - 0810 | 268 | 190 | |
| 1607 | 5232 0143 | 280 | 190 | |

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INTERROGATING OFFICER _____

STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET _____

DATE OF ATTACK _____

PILOT'S NAME _____

SHIP NO. _____

1. The 100th _____ Group flew as (high, lead, low) group of the _____ C.W. in the _____ A.T.F.

Altitude of Lead A/C over Target _____

Altitude of High A/C over Target _____

Altitude of Low A/C over Target _____

2. ACTUAL ROUTE flown over enemy territory giving names of towns if possible, where not possible give coordinates. (No course is flown exactly as briefed.)

3. Visibility at target (Condensation trails, clouds, etc.)

4. Axis of bomb run _____

5. Time bombs away _____

6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing?

7. Turn after bombing (course away from target)

8. Brief description of evasive action in target area.

Reporting Officer _____

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TARGET

Berlin

DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

DATE OF ATTACK

March 9th

PILOT'S NAME

Lt. F. J. Malooly

SHIP NO.

049

TIME

PLACE

ALTITUDE

HEADING

DESCRIPTION OF FLAK GIVING LINE - ABOVE
BELOW - CLOCK POSITION - OTHER -

1101

5237-0436

23,700

790

to right at one o'clock
at arms and arm - barge

1200

Dummer Lake

23,700

950

scattered - level - meager

1205

Harden Airfield

23,600

2490

meager - to left -

1354

IP

23,600

2490

low to level

From here on in to target had flak -
at all levels - level -

1402

Target

23,500

1270

bursts 96 - some barge
low and to left -
most in left part of city

1456

Dummer Lake
Area

18,500

2920

from 12 to 3 o'clock -
low to level - scattered -
meager - bursts 94 - and
3150 - one 94 blue or
brown the other 3 -

3-2 49-8/1/44

Reporting Officer

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ECONOMY 9-10-44 B

DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

TARGET BENIN DATE OF ATTACK Mar 9, 1944

PILOT'S NAME PEARSON SHIP NO. ✓37

| TIME | PLACE | ALTITUDE | HEADING | DESCRIPTION OF FLAK GIVING LEVEL-ABOVE BELOW-CLOCK POSITION DUSK PH. MOON |
|------|------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1201 | Quackenbush SV 35-07 ⁴⁶ | 23100 | 90° | 2 o'clock - low - 12 bursts N. N. E. - black - black - black |
| 1229 | Mending SV 35-09 ²² theophony | 23100 | 90° | 3 o'clock high - distant - 15 bursts - white - black |
| 1354 | I.P. | 28000 | 135° | from 12 to 6 o'clock high mostly low - 100/150 bursts - high white - low - black - mud. |
| 1410 | | | | Same type |
| 1420 | STENDAL | 21000 | 300° | 9 o'clock - level - 20 - orange - distant - |
| 1458 | HANNOVER | 18000 | 283° | tracking - 12 to 8 o'clock level to low - black - 500 yds MEASLE |
| 1455 | NIEPBURG | 17000 | 275° | 3-12 bursts - black 8-9 o'clock - low - 300 yds MEASLE |

Reporting Officer King

S-2 49-8/1/44

DATE OF ATTACK

S.H.P. NO. 018

3-2 49-8/1/44

Reporting Officer

L. W. Sheets

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 ATTN: A-2 REPORTING SECTION
 INFO OF COMBOMCOMMIO THIRTEEN
 ATTN: A-2

COBOMCR ONE HUNDRED X
 10/3/44 1559 S-2

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100 BG --INTELLIGENCE REPORT--GRANITENBURG--9 MARCH 1944

A. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION

1. WE FLEW LOW SQUADRON IN LEAD GROUP, 13TH GRW.
2. NO ATTACKS WERE MADE BY E/A. TWO UNIDENTIFIED E/A WERE SEEN.

B. OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

1. TWO P-17'S WERE SEEN TO FLY ENTIRE ROUTE IN AND OUT BELOW AND ON EACH SIDE OF THE FORMATION. THEY WERE JUST ABOVE THE CLOUDS AT APPROXIMATELY 3,000 FEET ALTITUDE.

C. CREWS REPORTS OF FRIENDLY A/C IN DISTRESS.

1. AT 1420 NEAR 5218-1220 E ONE UNIDENTIFIED P-17, POSSIBLY FROM 390TH GROUP, WAS SEEN LOSING ALTITUDE UNDER CONTROL. THREE CHUTES WERE SEEN.

D. CREW COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

FIGHTER SUPPORT WAS REPORTED TO BE VERY GOOD. CHAFF THROWN OUT WAS ALSO REPORTED TO BE VERY EFFICIENT AND AA COULD BE SEEN TRACKING THE CHAFF INSTEAD OF THE FORMATION.

COBOMCR ONE HUNDRED

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FROM OITHE 11/2304A

TO USLIST SB-SC

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ATT: A-2 AND S-2

3D BOMBARDMENT DIVISION INTELLIGENCE REPORT - BERLIN - 9 MARCH 1944

A. E/A OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A OPPOSITION WAS ENCOUNTERED. ABOUT 6 UNIDENTIFIED E/A WERE OBSERVED AND 6 ME109S WERE SEEN IN THE VICINITY OF NIENBURG. NO ATTACKS WERE MADE.

2. NO OTHER OBSERVATIONS WERE MADE OF E/A.

B. OBSERVATIONS BY CREWS

1. AT THE TARGET A WHITE SMOKE TRAIL CAME UP FROM THE GROUND, ROSE 1000 FEET HIGHER THAN THE FLAK IN THE VICINITY AND THEN BURST WITH A SMALL FLASH AND LARGE, WHITE PUFF OF SMOKE.

2. ONE CREW REPORTS SEEING IN THE TARGET AREA A MASS OF SMALL OBJECTS ABOUT 300 FEET IN HEIGHT WHICH HUNG JUST BELOW THE FORMATION CHANGING SHAPE AS IT DROPPED SLOWLY. THERE WERE NO EXPLOSIONS FROM THE MASS. THE OBJECTS WERE NOT BELIEVED TO BE CHAFF.

C. A/C IN DISTRESS

3D BOMB DIVISION LOST 3 A/C ON THIS MISSION.

1. A/C 208 AND 210 OF 447TH GROUP DITCHED AND THE CREWS OF BOTH A/C HAVE BEEN RESCUED.

2. NO DEFINITE INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED CONCERNING A/C 839 OF 388TH GROUP. AN UNIDENTIFIED B-17 WAS SEEN ON STRAIGHT AND LEVEL COURSE 10 MILES WEST OF BERLIN AT 1420 HOURS. ALTHOUGH A/C DID NOT APPEAR IN DISTRESS 10 CHUTES WERE SEEN TO BREAK OUT. (94TH GROUP REPORT) A B-17 WAS SEEN TO DROP FROM FORMATION NEAR THE TARGET WITH NO. 3 OR 4 ENGINE ON FIRE (447TH GROUP REPORT) AND A B-17 WAS SEEN TO EXPLODE IN THE TARGET AREA WITH NO CHUTES OBSERVED (FIGHTER COMMAND MISSION SUMMARY REPORT.). B-17 WAS OBSERVED AT 1425 HOURS IN THE STENDAL AREA WITH NO. 4 PROP FEATHERED AND PART OF TAIL OFF. A/C WENT INTO LONG GRADUAL TURN TO LEFT AND HEADED FOR HOLE IN UNDERCAST. 3-5 CHUTES SEEN. (94TH GROUP REPORT).

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3D BOMBARDMENT DIVISION OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE - BERLIN MISSION
9 MARCH 1944

1. NONE

2. BOMBING ACCOMPLISHED ON PFF MARKERS OVER SECONDARY TARGET. HEAVY UNDERCAST OVER TARGET PREVENTED OBSERVATION OF RESULTS. CREWS OF TWO GROUPS AND ONE CREW OF A THIRD GROUP REPORT OBSERVING SMOKE RISING ABOVE UNDERCAST IN TARGET AREA AFTER BOMBS AWAY. ONE CREW OF ANOTHER GROUP REPORTS SEEING LARGE BLACK CLOUD-LIKE COLUMN OF SMOKE FROM TARGET AREA VISIBLE 100 MILES AWAY ON RETURN TO BASE.

3. NO E/A OPPOSITION WAS ENCOUNTERED.
ESTIMATED CLAIMS: 0-0-0.

4. FLAK WAS ENCOUNTERED AS FOLLOWS: IJMUIDEN-MEAGRE, INACCURATE; DIEPHOLZ-MEAGRE, INACCURATE; BRUNSWICK-MODERATE, INACCURATE; DUMMER LAKE-MEAGRE, INACCURATE; NEINBURG-MEAGRE, INACCURATE; HANNOVER-MODERATE, INACCURATE; OSNABRUCK-MODERATE, INACCURATE; BRANDENBURG-MEAGRE, INACCURATE; STEINMUDER LAKE-MEAGRE, ACCURATE; CELLE-MEAGRE, INACCURATE; VECHTA-MODERATE, ACCURATE; BERLIN-INTENSE, GENERALLY INACCURATE WITH SOME ACCURATE BURSTS. ROCKETS WERE SEEN IN THE BERLIN AREA.

5. 10/10 UNDERCAST PERSISTED OVER CONTINENT THROUGHOUT ENTIRE MISSION. SOLID UNDERCAST OVER TARGET. WINDS GREATER THAN BRIEFED CAUSED LATENESS OF FORMATIONS.

6. NONE.

7. CREWS REPORT FIGHTER SUPPORT GOOD.

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ATTN: A-2 REPORTING SECTION

INFO OF COMBOMOV-10 THIRTEEN

COBOMOV ONE HUNDRED X X
9/3/44 1815 3-2

100 BG FLYING WITH 95TH BG * OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE - ORANIENBURG - 9 MARCH 1944.

1. LEAFLETS - NONE

2. BOMBING RESULTS - BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON TFF MARKERS THROUGH 10/10 UNDERCAST. BOMBS WERE DROPPED AT 1402 HOURS FROM AN ALTITUDE OF 23,500 FEET. NAVIGATORS OF THIS GROUP BELIEVE THAT BOMBS FELL WITHIN THE CITY OF BERLIN. WHEN XXX WE WERE ONE-HALF HOUR FROM TARGET ON ROUTE TO BASE, SMOKE WAS OBSERVED COMING UP THROUGH THE UNDERCAST FROM THE AREA WHERE BOMBS WERE DROPPED. PHOTOS SHOW 10/10 UNDERCAST.

3. E/A - NO E/A WERE SEEN.

4. FLAK: QUAKENBUCK - MEASURED AND INACCURATE.

WIESENBURG - MEASURED BUT ACCURATE.

HANOVER - INTENSE BARRAGE, DISTANT.

STENDAL - INTENSE BARRAGE, INACCURATE.

BERLIN - INTENSE, BURST DIRECTED AT CHAFF, INACCURATE. ROCKETS FIRED FROM GROUND IN SALVOES OF 6; ALSO INACCURATE.

5. WEATHER-10/10 UNDERCAST THROUGHOUT ENTIRE ROUTE OVER ENEMY TERRITORY.

6. XXXX OBSERVATIONS - NONE

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

1. TWO B-17'S FLYING JUST ABOVE THE UNDERCAST FOLLOWED OUR FORMATION FROM THE ENEMY COAST TO TARGET AND BACK TO THE ENEMY COAST.
2. FIGHTER SUPPORT WAS CONSIDERED VERY GOOD.

COBOMOV ONE HUNDRED.

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FROM TAS 09/1815A

~~TEXT~~ TO THE
INFO OF OIHRM

CONFIDENTIAL 100 BG R-202-D ATTN: A-2 REPORTING SECTION

100 BG FLYING WITH 95TH BG - OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE - ORANIENBURG -
9 MARCH 1944.

1. LEAFLETS - NONE
2. BOMBING RESULTS - BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON PFF HARKERS THROUGH 10/10 UNDERCAST. BOMBS WERE DROPPED AT 1402 HOURS FROM AN ALTITUDE OF 23,500 FEET. NAVIGATORS OF THIS GROUP BELIEVE THAT BOMBS FELL WITHIN THE CITY OF BERLIN. WHEN WE WERE ONE-HALF HOUR FROM TARGET ON ROUTE TO BASE, SMOKE WAS OBSERVED COMING UP THROUGH THE UNDERCAST FROM THE AREA WHERE BOMBS WERE DROPPED. PHOTOS SHOW 10/10 UNDERCAST.
3. E/A - NO E/A WERE SEEN.
4. FLAK: QUAKENBRUCK - MEAGRE AND INACCURATE.
NIENBURG - MEAGRE BUT ACCURATE.
HANOVER - INTENSE BARRAGE, DISTANT.
STENDA - INTENSE BARRAGE, INACCURATE.
BERLIN - INTENSE, BURST DIRECTED AT CHAFF, INACCURATE.
ROCKETS FIRED FROM GROUND IN SALVOES OF 6;
ALSO INACCURATE.
5. WEATHER - 10/10 UNDERCAST THROUGHOUT ENTIRE ROUTE OVER ENEMY TERRITORY.
6. OBSERVATIONS - NONE
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
 1. TWO B-17'S FLYING JUST ABOVE THE UNDERCAST FOLLOWED OUR FORMATION FROM THE ENEMY COAST TO TARGET AND BACK TO THE ENEMY COAST.
 2. FIGHTER SUPPORT WAS CONSIDERED VERY GOOD.

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COMBOMOV THREE
ATTN: 1-2 REPORTING SECTION

INFO OF COMBOMOV THIRTEEN

COMBOMOV ONE HUNDRED X X
9/3/44 1815 5-2

100 BG FLYING WITH 99TH BG & OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE - ORANIENBURG - 9 MARCH 1944.

1. LEAPLETS - NONE

2. BOMBING RESULTS - BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON PTT MARKERS THROUGH 10/10 UNDERCAST. BOMBS WERE DROPPED AT 1402 HOURS FROM AN ALTITUDE OF 23,500 FEET. NAVIGATORS OF THIS GROUP BELIEVE THAT BOMBS FELL WITHIN THE CITY OF BERLIN. WHEN XXX WE WERE ONE-HALF HOUR FROM TARGET ON ROUTE TO BASE, SMOKE WAS OBSERVED COMING UP THROUGH THE UNDERCAST FROM THE AREA WHERE BOMBS WERE DROPPED. PHOTOS SHOW 10/10 UNDERCAST.

3. E/A - NO E/A WERE SEEN.

4. FLAK: QUAKENBRUCK - MEAGER AND INACCURATE.

NIENBURG - MEAGER BUT ACCURATE.

HANOVER - INTENSE BARRAGE, DISTANT.

STENDAL - INTENSE BARRAGE, INACCURATE.

BERLIN - INTENSE, BURST DIRECTED AT CHAFF, INACCURATE. ROCKETS FIRED FROM GROUND IN SALVOES OF 6; ALSO INACCURATE.

5. WEATHER-10/10 UNDERCAST THROUGHOUT ENTIRE ROUTE OVER ENEMY TERRITORY.

6. SMOKE OBSERVATIONS - NONE

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

1. TWO B-17'S FLYING JUST ABOVE THE UNDERCAST FOLLOWED OUR FORMATION FROM THE ENEMY COAST TO TARGET AND BACK TO THE ENEMY COAST.

2. FIGHTER SUPPORT WAS CONSIDERED VERY GOOD.

COMBOMOV ONE HUNDRED.

OPERATIONAL REPORT - STATISTICAL SECTION

| PRIMARY TARGET | ORANIENBURG | | | | TOTAL |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|--|--|-------|
| 1. GROUP/WING | 100 / 13 | | | | |
| 2. A/C AIRBORNE | 9 A/C | with 95 th Sq. | | | |
| 3. A/C DISPATCHED | 6 A/C | | | | |
| 4. A/C ATTACKING | 4 A/C | | | | |
| 5. A/C FAILING TO ATTACK | | | | | |
| a. Mechanical | 1 A/C | | | | |
| b. Weather | | | | | |
| c. Enemy Action | | | | | |
| d. Other | 1 A/C | | | | |
| 6. A/C LOST | NONE | | | | |
| a. To AA | | | | | |
| b. To e/a | | | | | |
| c. To AA and e/a | | | | | |
| d. To accident | | | | | |
| e. By reasons unknown | | | | | |
| 7. TIME OF ATTACK | 1402 | | | | |
| 8. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK | 23,200 | | | | |
| 9. BOMBS DROPPED (PRIMARY) | | | | | |
| a. Number | | | | | |
| b. Size | | | | | |
| c. Type | | | | | |
| BOMBS DROPPED (OTHER) | BERLIN | | | | |
| a. Number | 40 | | | | |
| b. Size | 500 | | | | |
| c. Type | GP | | | | |
| BOMBS DROPPED (OTHER) | | | | | |
| a. Number | | | | | |
| b. Size | | | | | |
| c. Type | | | | | |
| 10. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES | | | | | |
| a. Killed | | | | | |
| b. Wounded | | | | | |
| c. Missing | 1 MAN | | | | |
| d. Rescued | | | | | |
| 11. BATTLE DAMAGE | | | | | |
| a. Minor | 2 A/C | | | | |
| b. Major | | | | | |
| c. Salvage | | | | | |
| 12. | NONE | | | | |
| 3.2 48/ 1-1/44 | | | | | |

Phoned to 13CBW Sgt. Tracing
3 BD St. Moore
1801 9 mar 1944
By Lt. Jack Bauman

S-2 11/7-3-23

A/C RETURNING LATE

A/C Number 968 A/C Letter D
 Squadron 350 Pilot Lt. Gibbons
 Time landed at base 1145
 Point or coordinates of point at which A/C turned back:
5235N-0200E
 Time turned back 1037
 Altitude at time turned back 22,000
 Reason for abortion Could not find group - them
Could not catch
 Disposition of bombs - Bright Back -
brought back or jettisoned
 Name of Interrogating Officer L.W. Sheets

A/C RETURNING EARLY

A/C Number 087 A/C Letter Z
 Squadron 418 Pilot Lt. Forsythe
 Time landed at base 1200
 Point or coordinates of point at which A/C turned back:
5245-0223E
 Time turned back 0912
 Altitude at time turned back 4,200 -
 Reason for abortion Lost 1 engine - Could not catch group
 Disposition of bombs Jettisoned - 0912-5245-0223
brought back or jettisoned
 Name of Interrogating Officer L.W. Sheets

*- Claxton - British threw up flak
at ship - IFF was on.

S-2 11/7-3-43

A/C RETURNING TABLE

A/C Number 047 A/C Letter 0
 Squadron 351 Pilot Lt. Massol
 Time landed at base 1047
 Point or coordinates of point at which A/C turned back:
Colchester
 Time turned back 0944
 Altitude at time turned back 20,000
 Reason for abortion Radio Operator sick.
 Disposition of bombs Brought Back
 Brought back or jettisoned
 Name of Interrogating Officer L.W. Sheets.

A/C RETURNING EARLY

A/C Number 895 A/C Letter Y
 Squadron 418 Pilot Lt. Harper J.C.
 Time landed at base 1145
 Point or coordinates of point at which A/C turned back:
5230 - 0300E
 Time turned back 1045
 Altitude at time turned back 24,000
 Reason for abortion Insufficient oxygen supply -
 Disposition of bombs Brought back
 Brought back or jettisoned
 Name of Interrogating Officer L.W. Sheets

Final check - 1040 - average pressure 200 lbs
 At start - 340 lbs. -
 needed - average of 290 - minimum
 to bring back to 75,000 - 1 hr. ~~not~~
 supply yet needed. Ship did not fill

PEARSON

390TH [B]

Crew #55

INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 100 SQD 350 A/C NO. 537 LTR. BOMB LOAD 10x500 DATE 9/3/44

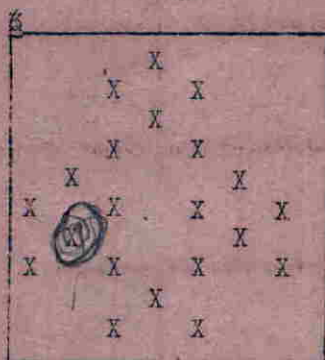
Position in formation
(at target)

Rank

Name

Rank

Name



| | | | |
|---------------------|-----|------------------------|----|
| Lt. D. S. Pearson | P | T/Sgt. E. J. Rene | TT |
| Lt. W. D. Lund | CP | S/Sgt. F. Kerin | BT |
| Lt. J. A. Young | N | S/Sgt. B. F. Truesdell | RW |
| Lt. L. N. Smith | B | S/Sgt. H. J. Scrivener | LW |
| T/Sgt. N. Sansevero | RAD | S/Sgt. G. P. Zige | TC |

CASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name) _____

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name) _____

SECONDARY ON PT

TARGET BOMBED
(name)

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed

1403 hrs

23000 ALT.

112° MAG HEADING

On target

10

100

Yours:

10/10

Jettisoned

Brt back

Un'Act For

Others:

If target not
bombed - why?

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

NO ENEMY OBSERVED

(No. L/M Seen)

(Numbers and Types)

Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our
countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Crab worms - ~~crab~~

CREWS SUGGESTIONS

CREWS SUGGESTIONS
BETTER GUM — BUT NESS HALL IMPROVED
~~LESS OF BIRD SPECIES — GIVING APPEARANCE OF~~
~~SOME TREES — GIVING AREA OF 1000 YDS. ??~~
FIGHTER SUPPORT

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Excent-

2/holes

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP-(WAS) ~~(HAS NOT)~~ SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) ~~(NA)~~.

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED

NO. E/A DAMAGED.

INTERROGATORS NAME _____

TIP
① LEFT WING + ① BETWEEN #1 + 2 INTERROGATORS

IV ONRAD

Crew #27

Position in formation
(at target)

Rank

Name

Rank

Name _____

A diagram showing a grid of points marked with 'X' symbols. The points are arranged in a pattern that resembles a sparse grid or a specific arrangement of dots. One point is circled.

Lt. R.V.E. Monrad P T/Sgt. E.L. Symes TT

Lt. S.D. Eichen CP S/Sgt. L. Black BT

Lt. T.R. Kizak N S/Sgt. J.M. Delaney RSM *SW*

T/Sgt. D.C. Bennett B S/Sgt. W. Hoffman LW

T/Sgt. H.A. Bonn RAD S/Sgt. A. Olson TG

Illness or disability (Name) 3/sgt Delane Battle Wounded.

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name)

(name)

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed

On target 10 X 500 17-43 GP

Yours: on P.T. - Behine
was in cutcharts

Jettisoned

Br't back

Un! Act For

Others:
also dropped in
PFF

If target not
bombed - why? ✓

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

Barkley 14:02
altitude - 23200

Reading - 211207
counter for Each Combat)

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

None

(Numbers and Types)

Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

| | |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12 35 | after red bursts & black smoke cloud burst again with small white puffs. other flak salvoes |
| 12 35 | Flak to right 25-30 bursts |
| 12 35 | clump of 5-10 - to right |
| 12 35 | Barrage at 10 o'clock low to level |

FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)

None -

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Two B-17s one on either side of formation
flew all the way in and out just above clouds
at about 3000.

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS -

None

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Excellent

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

12:35 - Flak to right 25 to
30 bursts -
12:35 - possibly 53° 00' N 11° 50' E
13:52 Barrage - 40-50 bursts
little low -
1420 - 305° - low to left - meager
1430 - 301° - " at 8 o'clock - 25 bursts
1451 - 2 heavy barrages - one to right
50 bursts in for one 100 in. near low

Very

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (NA).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED 0

NO. E/A DAMAGED. 0

INTERROGATOR'S NAME

MBA

1456 - 301 - Flak moderate but accurate 1 to
3 bursts -

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|--|--|--|--|
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| | | | |

FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS
(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)

none

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

~~the~~ small objects out of shape
of lead sphere - looked liked flock of
birds - black - never saw this before.

CREWS SUGGESTIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT

going in - good - we were late - saw them
P-38's and P-51's on target.

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATORS NAME JFB

CRCUP 100 SQD 351 A/C NO. 018 LTR. BOMB LOAD 10x500 DATE 9/3/44

Name _____

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|----------------------------|----|
| <u>Lt. C.W. Mylinus</u> | P | <u>S/Sgt. J.R. Russell</u> | TT |
| <u>Lt. W.G. McCoy</u> | CP | <u>S/Sgt. C.E. Brown</u> | BT |
| <u>Lt. C.J. Galligan</u> | N | <u>Sgt. C.E. McSpadden</u> | RW |
| <u>Lt. N.T. High</u> | B | <u>Sgt. E.J. Sullivan</u> | LW |
| <u>S/Sgt. V.J. Wood</u> | RAD | <u>S/Sgt. H.D. Fern</u> | TC |

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name)

Results observed

G.P.

Bombed on
Leader.

Others:

Smoke coming
up through
clouds -
target.

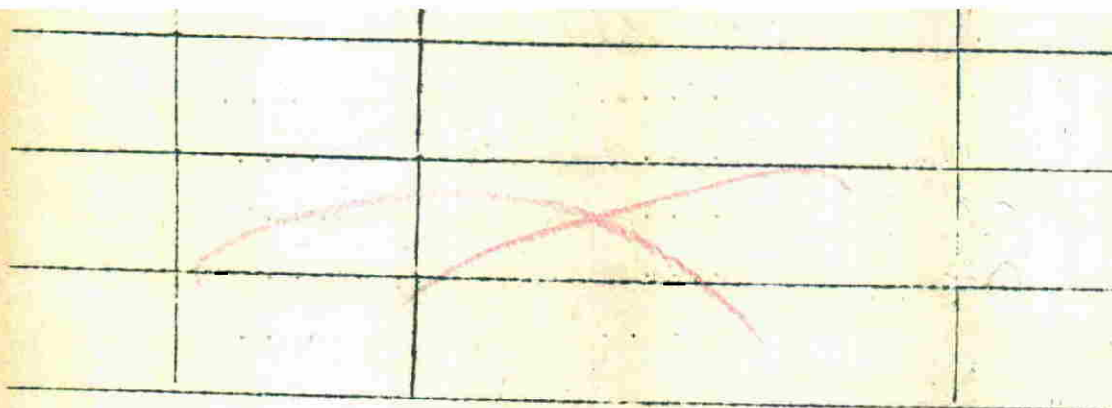
Visible to have from

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(Numbers and Types)

Did not attack.

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)

None.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Lockett flares sent up
white smoke trailing. Brown flares
float by. None. formation.

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS

Crew members wish pass.
Chaff was very good today - AA tracked
Chaff in ~~the~~ formation.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Very Good - no Raf. ~~and~~

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATORS NAME

LWS

Shell casing or possible flak -
between fusel & #3 engine.

COWAN

Crew #45

INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 100 SQD 349 A/C NO. 249 LTR. BOMB LOAD 10x500 DATE 9/3/44

| Position in formation (at target) | Rank | Name | Rank | Name |
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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X -- X X </div> | | <u>Lt. C. H. Cowan</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>T/Sgt. M. W. Holditch</u> <u>TT</u> |
| | | <u>Lt. H. A. Dibbern</u> | <u>CP</u> | <u>S/Sgt. W. A. Geigle</u> <u>BT</u> |
| | | <u>Lt. F. W. Robertson</u> | <u>N</u> | <u>S/Sgt. R. Patrick</u> <u>RW</u> |
| | | <u>Lt. H. L. Heyneman</u> | <u>B</u> | <u>S/Sgt. A. C. Stoppel</u> <u>LW</u> |
| | | <u>T/Sgt. S. W. Meyers</u> | <u>RAD</u> | <u>S/Sgt. H. R. Kemble</u> <u>TG</u> |

CASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
 Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name) _____

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name) _____

TARGET BOMBED

| (name) | No. & Size | Bomb Type | Results observed |
|------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| On target _____ | | | Yours: _____ |
| Jettisoned _____ | | | |
| Br't back _____ | | | Others: _____ |
| Un'Act For _____ | | | |

If target not
bombed - why?

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

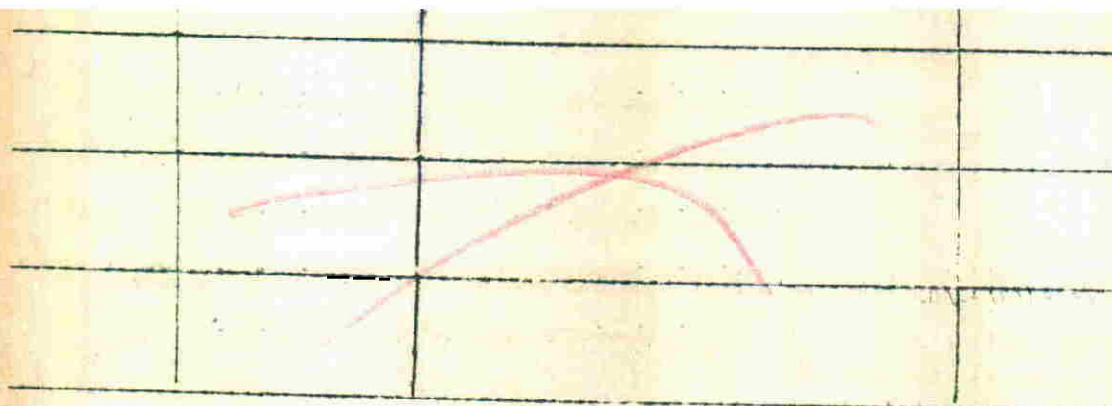
(No. E/F Seen)
Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

(Numbers and Types)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our
countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons



FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS
(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREWS SUGGESTIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATORS NAME _____

INTERROGATION FORM

Position in formation
(at target)

Name _____

Rank

Name _____

X
X X X
X X X
X X X
X X X
X X X
X X X

P

T/Sgt. P. J. Johnston TT

C

S/Sgt. P. VanSlyck BT

N

S/Sgt. J. A. Codoluto RWW

B

S/Sgt. N. C. Linke LW

R

S Sgt. R. D. Schad TG

Illness or disability (Name)

Failure of Protective Egpt. (Name)

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed

On target

Yours:

Jettisoned

Er't back

Others:

Un'Act For

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat.)

(No. E/X Seen)

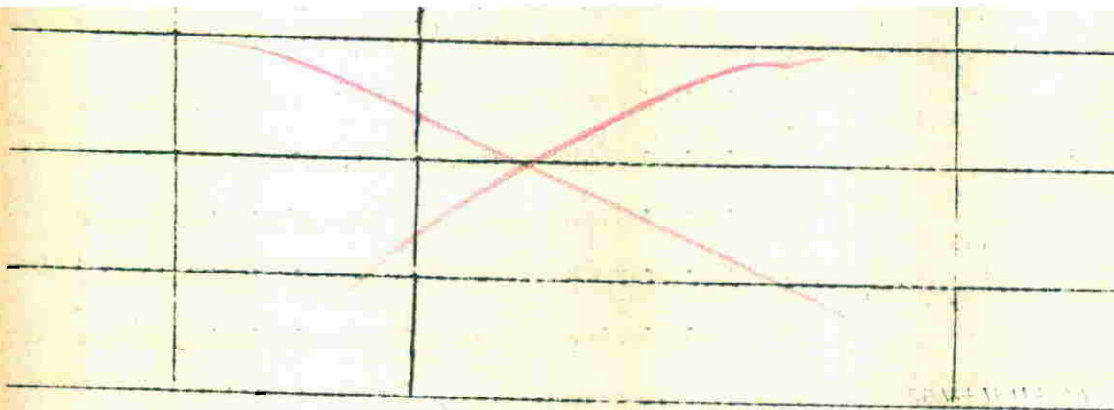
(Numbers and Types)

Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported).

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our
countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons



FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS
 (Group and A/C No. - Condition -
 where down - chutes - any unusual
 occurrences of interest - your altitude)

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED, _____

INTERROGATORS NAME _____

INTERROGATION FORM

Position in formation
(at target)

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Name _____

Rank

Name _____

X
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X X
X X
X X
X X
X X

Lt. J. B. Gibbons

P

T/Sgt. L. I. Arnold TT

T

Lt. T. Cryan

CP

S/Sgt. J. L. Spragg BT

BT

Lt. E. N. Johnson

K

S/Sgt. M. J. Ettus RW

RIN

Lt. N. H. Cain

B

S/Sgt. F. W. Buschmeier

T/Sgt. L. R. Cannon

RAI

S/Sgt. A. W. Bunting TG



~~Illness or disability (Name)~~

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name)

(name)

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed

On target

Yours:

Jettisoned

Br't back

Others:

Un'Act For

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. E/E Seen)

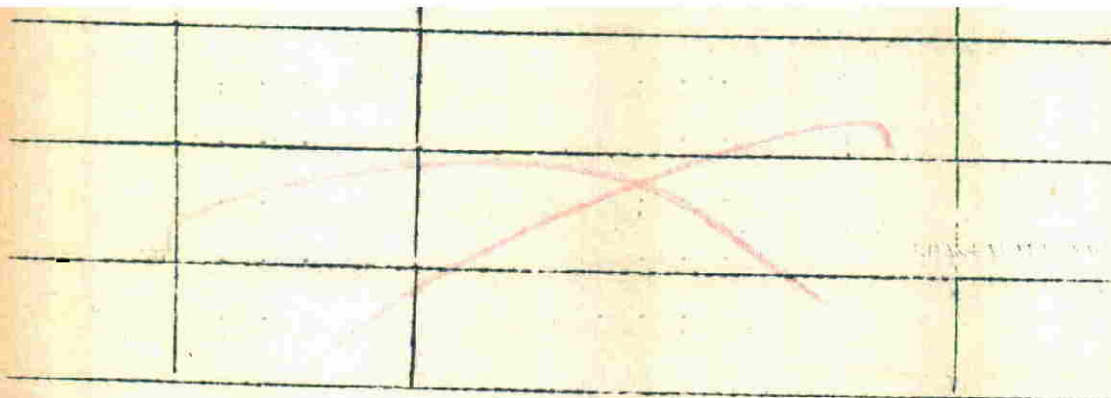
(Numbers and Types)

Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported).

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons



FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS
 (Group and A/C No. - Condition -
 where down - chutes - any unusual
 occurrences of interest - your altitude)

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREWS SUGGESTIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATORS NAME _____

HARPER

Crew #76

INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 100 SQD 418 A/C NO. 895 LTR. BOMB LOAD 10x500 DATE 9/3/44

| Position in formation (at target) | Rank | Name | Rank | Name |
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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X </div> | | <u>Lt. J. C. Harper</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>T/Sgt. W. S. Carter</u> <u>TT</u> |
| | | <u>Lt. T. L. Hulsey</u> | <u>CP</u> | <u>S/Sgt. J. B. Kyrle</u> <u>BT</u> |
| | | <u>Lt. C. C. Cowing</u> | <u>N</u> | <u>S/Sgt. F. A. Padstawska</u> <u>W</u> |
| | | <u>Lt. W. A. Naegle</u> | <u>B</u> | <u>S/Sgt. K. C. Helming</u> <u>LW</u> |
| | | <u>T/Sgt. R. E. Hudson</u> | <u>RAD</u> | <u>S/Sgt. J. L. Mauk</u> <u>TC</u> |

CASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
 Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name) _____

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name) _____

TARGET BOMBED
 (name)

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed

On target _____

Yours:

Jettisoned _____

Br't back _____

Others:

Un'Act For _____

If target not
 bombed - why?

If returned early
 point of turning,
 reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. E/F Seen)

(Numbers and Types)

Special markings and colors:
 (Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
 (Place-time-altitude)
 (Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our
 countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
 any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS
 (Group and A/C No. - Condition -
 where down - chutes - any unusual
 occurrences of interest - your altitude)

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (F/A).

NO. F/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. F/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATORS NAME _____

Crew #70

Position in formation
(at target)

Name _____

Name _____

It. J.F. Massol

7

T/Sgt. B.G. Siegel TT

IT

Lt. H.D. Granger

CP

S/Sgt. W.C. Williams BT

BT

Lt. E.C. King

N

S/Sgt. W.L. Reneau RWW

RW

Lt. A.E. Stern

3

LW

LW

T/Sgt. R.O. Howell

PLA

S/Sgt. N.E. Garmon TC

TC

Illness or disability (Name)

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name)

(name)

Bomb Type

Results observed:

On target

Yours:

Jettisoned

Br't back

Others:

Un! Act For

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. E/S Seen)

(Numbers and Types)

Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported).

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

Air-to-air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS
 (Group and A/C No. - Condition -
 where down - chutes - any unusual
 occurrences of interest - your altitude)

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREWS SUGGESTIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) - (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATORS NAME _____

FORMATION POSITION

March 9, 1944

95th

LOW SQDN

Jackplane
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Rearwheel
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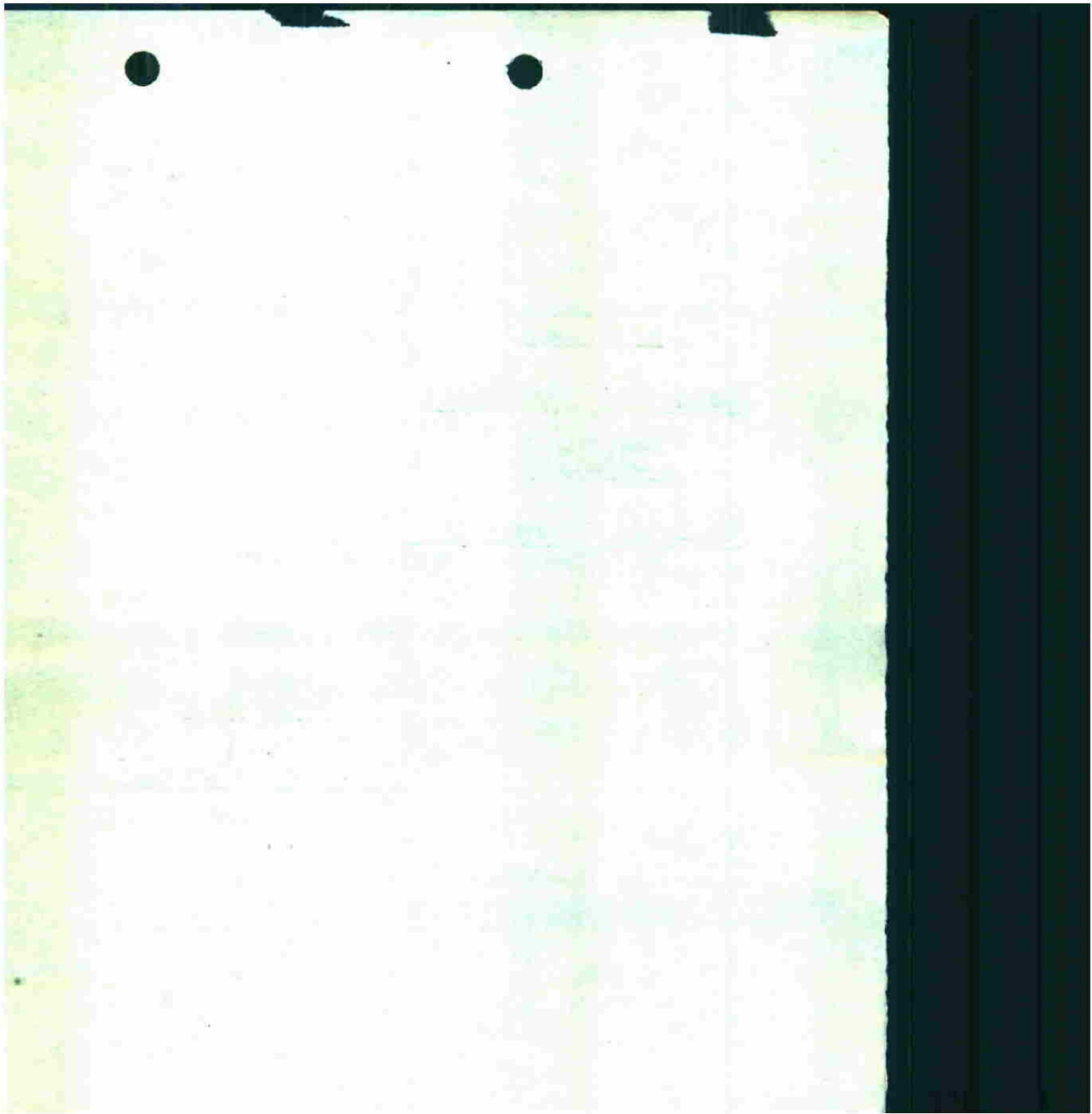
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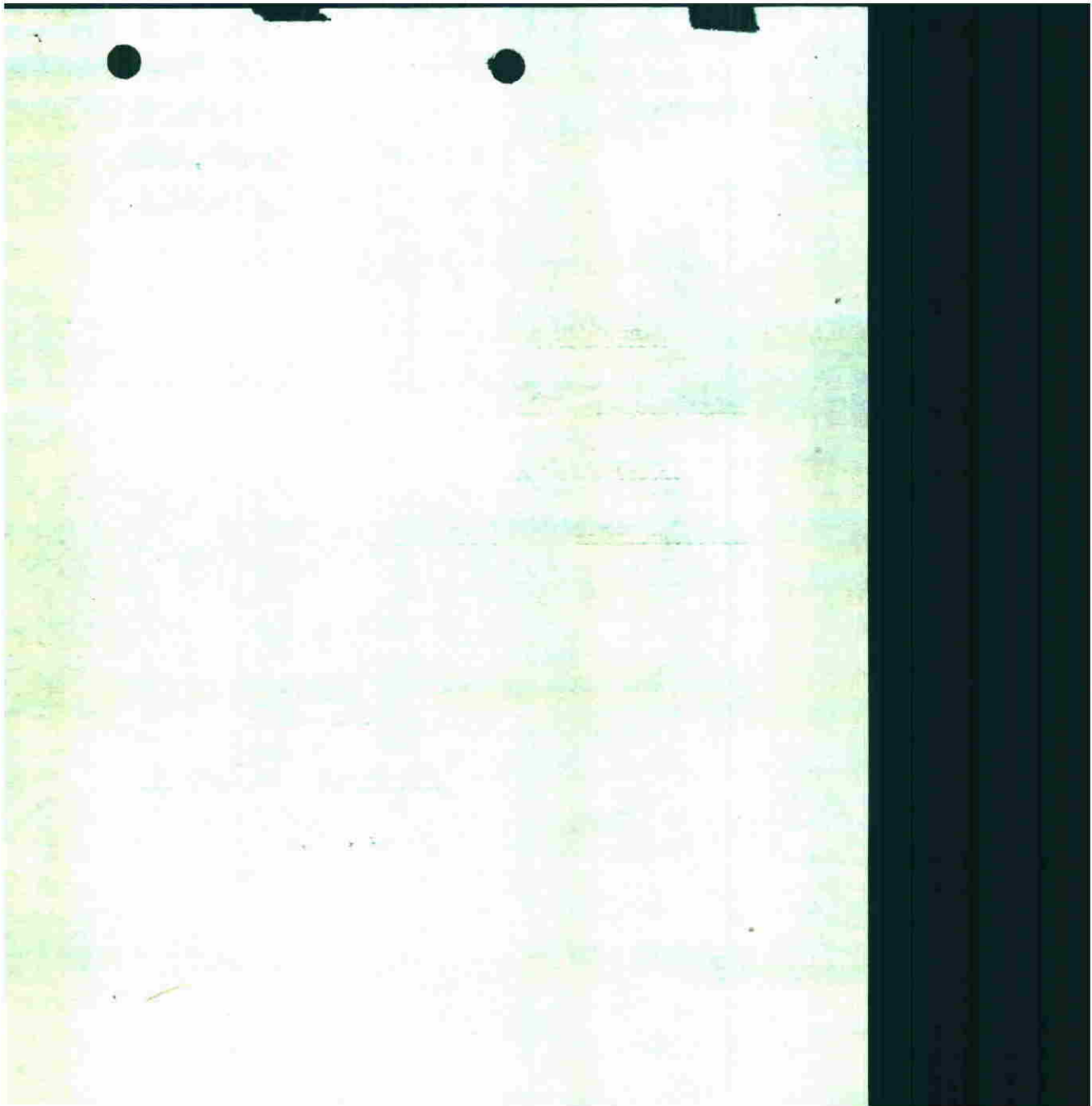
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HEADQUARTERS
ONE HUNDRETH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF
Office of the Station Engineering Officer
APO 634

9 March 1944

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report on Mission 9 March 1944

TO : Commanding Officer, 100th Bombardment Group (H), AAF.

SHIP #336

1. Leading edge of left horizontal stabilizer hit by bundle of "chaff".
2. Squadron repair.

SHIP #337

1. Flak hole in left outer wing panel. Skin damage.
2. Squadron repair.

SHIP #318

1. Flak hole in edge of air intake between fuselage and #3 engine. Skin damage.
2. Squadron repair.

WALTER B. BROWN,
Major, Air Corps,
Engineering Officer.

File

HEADQUARTERS
100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer

D-L-6

APO 634
9 March 1944

SUBJECT: Digest, Crew Comments and Suggestions, Operational Mission #127.

TO : Commanding Officer, 100th Bomb Group (H), APO 634

1. Submitted herewith is a digest of crew comments and suggestions compiled by S-2 on Operational Mission #127, 9 March 1944:

- a. All members, Crew #67 - Wish a pass. Chaff worked very good.
- b. EM, Crew #55 - EM mess hall improved.

Shaw
Capt. A.C.
for F. MINER SHAW
Major, Air Corps
Intelligence Officer.

THE OIHRM V TAS NR 12 P

FROM TAS 10/1559A

TO THE

INFO OF OIHRM

CONFIDENTIAL 100 BG R-217-D ATTN: A-2 REPORTING SECTION

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MAR 12 1944

100 BG --INTELLIGENCE REPORT--ORNIENBURG--9 MARCH 1944

A. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION

1. WE FLEW LOW SQUADRON IN LEAD GROUP, 13TH CBW.
2. NO ATTACKS WERE MADE BY E/A. TWO UNIDENTIFIED E/A WERE SEEN.

B. OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

1. TWO B-17'S WERE SEEN TO FLY ENTIRE ROUTE IN AND OUT BELOW AND ON EACH SIDE OF FORMATION. THEY WERE JUST ABOVE THE CLOUDS AT APPROXIMATELY 3,000 FEET ALTITUDE.

C. CREWS REPORTS OF FRIENDLY A/C IN DISTRESS.

1. AT 1420 NEAR 5218-1220E ONE UNIDENTIFIED B-17, POSSIBLY FROM 390TH GROUP, WAS SEEN LOSING ALTITUDE UNDER CONTROL. THREE CHUTES WERE SEEN.

D. CREW COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

FIGHTER SUPPORT WAS REPORTED TO BE VERY GOOD. CHAFF THROWN OUT WAS ALSO REPORTED TO BE VERY EFFICIENT AND AA COULD BE SEEN TRACKING THE CHAFF INSTEAD OF THE FORMATION.

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HEADQUARTERS
100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer.

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APG 634
9 March 1944

SUBJECT: Sortie Information, Operational Mission #127.

TO : S-1, 100th Bomb Group (H), APO 634.

1. The following pilots and their crews flew Operational Mission #127,
9 March 1944:

| PILOT | TARGET BOMBED | COORDINATES TURNED BACK | R/A OBSERVED |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Lt. C. H. Gowan (Spare) | No | 52° 30' N 04° 40' E | No |
| Lt. E. C. Forsythe (Spare) | No | 52° 45' N 02° 23' E | No |
| Lt. J. B. Gibbons | No | 52° 55' N 02° 00' E | No |
| Lt. J. C. Harper (Spare) | No | 52° 33' N 03° 02' E | No |
| Lt. J. F. Massol | No | Colchester | No |
| Lt. J. F. Malooly | Yes | Target | No |
| Lt. R. V. Monrad | Yes | " | No |
| Lt. C. W. Mylius | Yes | " | No |
| Lt. E. S. Pearson | Yes | " | No |

F. MINER SHAW
Major, Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

F-16

HEADQUARTERS
100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer.

D-L-8

APC 634
9 March 1944

SUBJECT: Sortie Information, Operational Mission #127.

TO : S-1, 100th Bomb Group (H), APC 634.

1. The following pilots and their crews flew Operational Mission #127,
9 March 1944:

| PILOT | TARGET BOMBED | COORDINATES TURNED BACK | N/A OBSERVED |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Lt. G. H. Cowan (Spare) | No | 52° 30' N 04° 40' E | No |
| Lt. W. C. Forsythe (Spare) | No | 52° 45' N 02° 23' E | No |
| Lt. J. D. Gibbons | No | 52° 35' N 02° 00' E | No |
| Lt. J. C. Harper (Spare) | No | 52° 33' N 03° 02' E | No |
| Lt. J. F. Macsol | No | Colchester | No |
| Lt. J. F. Malcoly | Yes | Target | No |
| Lt. R. V. Monrad | Yes | " | No |
| Lt. C. W. Mylius | Yes | " | No |
| Lt. D. S. Pearson | Yes | " | No |

P. MINER SHAW
Major, Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

FORMATION POSITION

HEAD SQDN

JACKPLANE

MONRAD 936 M

MASSOL 047 O

MYLIUS 018 L

REARWHEEL

PEARSON 637 S

MALCOLLY 049 U

GIBBONS 968 D

LOW SQDN

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
HIGH SQDN

SPARES

FATHAND

COWAN 249 L

FORSYTHE

SHYBOY

XXXXX 087 Z

HARPER 895 Y

TRAIL SQDN

100th Low 18. in lead of 1300.

FORMATION POSITION

LOW

HEAD SQDN

JACKPLANE

MEHRAD 036 M

MESSEL 042 D

MOELUS 018 L

REANWHEEL

PHANON 037 E

WALOSLY 048 U

GIBBONS 038 D

LOW SQDN

WALCH SQDN

SPARES

PATLAND

COWAN 040 L

abortion

FORSYTHE

THOMAS 037 E

SHIBBY

HARPER 036 Y

abortion

abortion

TRAIL SQDN

FORMATION POSITION

LEAD SQDN

JACKPLANE

MONRAD 936 M

MASSOL 047 O MYLIUS 018 L

REARWHEEL

PEARSON 537 S

MALOOLY 049 U GIBBONS 968 D

LOW SQDN

XXXXXXXXXX

SPARES

FATHAND

COWAN 249 L

FORSYTHE

SHYBOY

THOMAS 087 Z

HARPER 895 Y

TRAIL SQDN

| Crew # | Pilot | Co-Pilot | Navigator | Bombardier | |
|--------|-------|----------|-----------|------------|---|
| 12 | | | | | |
| 16 | | | | | & |
| 27 | | | | | |
| 36 | | | | | |
| 45 | | | | | |
| 52 | | | | | |
| 55 | | | | | |
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| CREW # | RAD | ENG | BTG | RWG | LWG | TG | |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|---|
| 70 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 16 | | | | | | | |
| 36 | | | | | | | |
| 52 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 55 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 67 | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 76 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 75 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 12 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 27 | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 79 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
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Office of the Operations Officer

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ALERT LIST FOR 9 MARCH 1944.

Crew No. 45

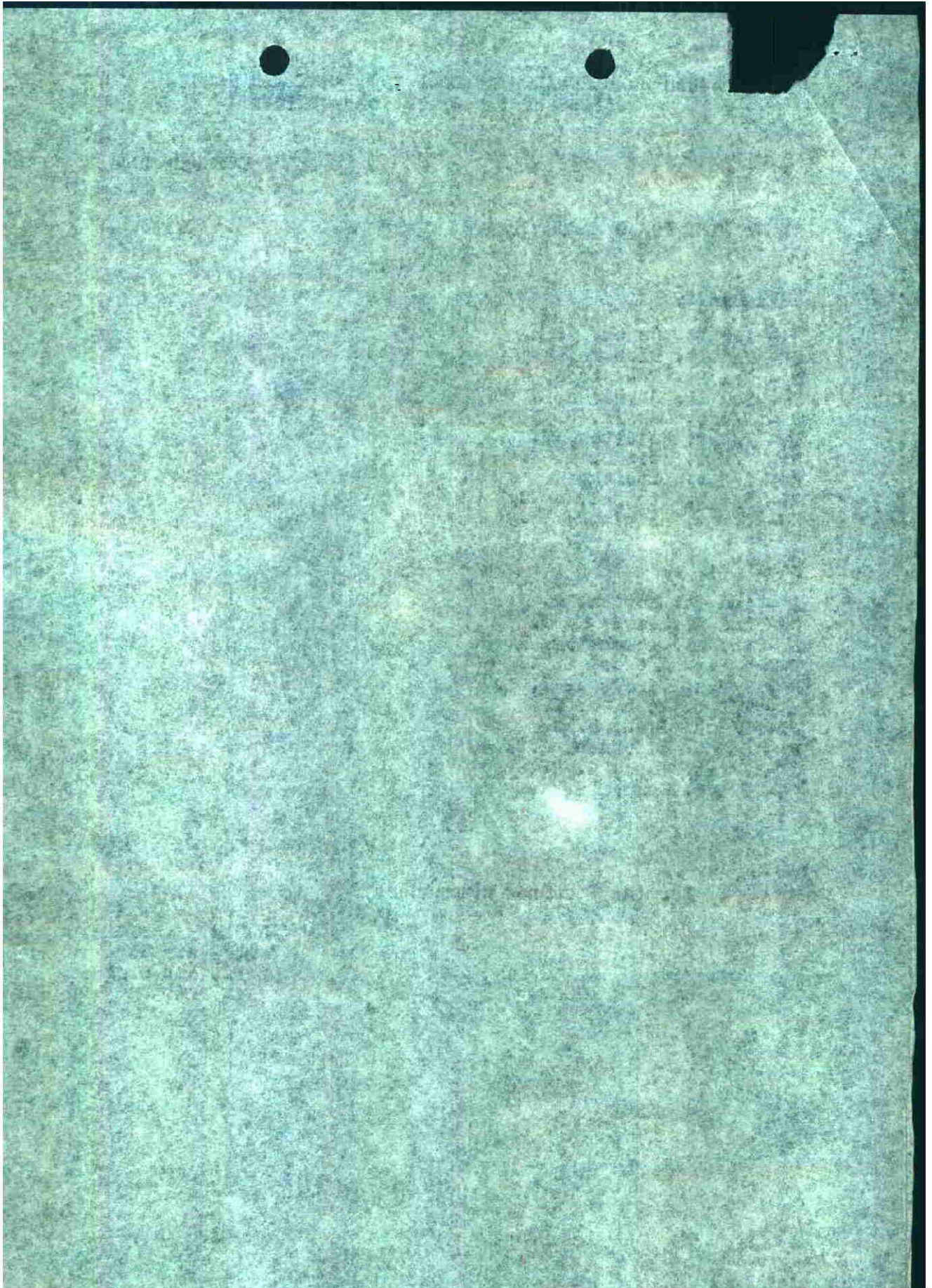
P - 1st Lt. Conan, C. H.
CP - 2nd Lt. Dibbern, H. A.
N - 2nd Lt. Robertson, P. W.
B - 2nd Lt. Hayneman, H. L.
R - T/Sgt. Meyers, S. W.
E - T/Sgt. Holditch, M. W.
BT - T/Sgt. Ueigle, W. A.
RM - S/Sgt. Patrick, R.
L - S/Sgt. Stoppel, A. C.
TU - S/Sgt. Remble, H. R.

Crew No. 42

P - 2nd Lt. Morgan, L. H.
CP - 2nd Lt. Ward, R. O.
N - 2nd Lt. McCormick, R. H.
B - S/Sgt. Laface, S. J.
R - T/Sgt. Verdusco, T. L.
E - T/Sgt. Lobb, M. L.
BT - T/Sgt. Lyon, M. O.
RM - S/Sgt. Klockner, H. C.
L - S/Sgt. Lash, E. R.
TU - S/Sgt. Gomez, S. R.

For the Squadron Commander:

SUMNER H. REEDER,
Capt., Air Corps,
Operations Officer.



350th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H), AAF
 100th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 APO # 634

9 March 1944

ROSTER OF COMBAT CREWS ON OPERATIONAL MISSION FOR 9 MARCH 1944

CREW # 12 PLANE 31049

P - Lt F J Malooly
 CP - Lt R W Baillie
 N - Lt C H Mauvais
 B - Lt R W Guida
 R - T/Sgt R D Longworth
 E - T/Sgt A J Perry
 BT - S/Sgt N A Pardee
 RW - S/Sgt W H Miller
 LW - S/Sgt L W Yeager
 TG - S/Sgt L Genovese

CREW # 52 PLANE 31968

Lt J B Gibbons
 Lt R Dykeman *T CRYAN*
 Lt ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ E N Johnson
 Lt ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ M H Cain
 T/Sgt L R Cannon
 T/Sgt L I Arnold
 S/Sgt J L Spragg
 S/Sgt M J Ettus
 S/Sgt F W Buschmeier
 S/Sgt A W Bunting

CREW # 55 PLANE 31537

P - Lt D S Pearson
 CP - Lt W D Lund
 N - Lt J A Young
 B - Lt L N Smith
 R - T/Sgt N Sansevero
 E - T/Sgt E J Rene
 BT - S/Sgt F X Kerin
 RW - S/Sgt B F Truesdell
 LW - S/Sgt H J Scrivener
 TG - S/Sgt G P Zigg

MAGEE C. FULLER,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Operations Officer.

351st Bombardment Squadron (H) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer

March 9, 1944

Crew 27 Ship 936

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Lt. RVE. Monrad | P |
| Lt. S.D. Eichen | CP |
| Lt. T.R. Kizak | N |
| T/Sgt. D.C. Bennett | B |
| T/Sgt. H.A. Bonn | R |
| T/Sgt. E.L. Symes | E |
| S/Sgt. L. Black | BT |
| S/Sgt. J.M. Delaney | RW |
| S/Sgt. W. Hoffman | TG |
| S/Sgt. A. Olson | LW |

Crew 67 Ship 018

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|---------------------|----|
| Lt. C.W. Mylius | P |
| Lt. W.G. McCoy | CP |
| Lt. C.J. Galligan | N |
| Lt. N.T. High | B |
| S/Sgt. V.J. Wood | R |
| S/Sgt. J.R. Russell | E |
| Sgt. C.E. Brown | BT |
| Sgt. C.E. McSpadden | RW |
| Sgt. E.J. Sullivan | LW |
| S/Sgt. H.D. Fern | TG |

Crew 70 Ship 047

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|--------------------------------------|----|
| Lt. J.F. Massol | P |
| Lt. H.D. Granger | CP |
| Lt. E.C. King | N |
| Lt. A.E. Stern | B |
| T/Sgt. R.O. Howell Howell | R |
| T/Sgt. B.G. Siegel | E |
| S/Sgt. W.C. Williams | BT |
| S/Sgt. W.L. Reneau | RW |
| S/Sgt. O.N. McCartney | LW |
| S/Sgt. N.E. Garmon | TG |

JACK R. SWARTOUT.
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

a. FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
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CREW NO. 36 P #42-6087

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|---------------------|-----|
| Lt W. H. Thomas | P |
| Lt J. J. Raring | CP |
| Lt H. J. Brice | N |
| Lt L. Brownstein | B |
| T/Sgt C. E. Akin | R |
| T/Sgt C. A. Leavitt | E |
| S/Sgt J. D. Smott | BTG |
| S/Sgt W. W. Moore | RWG |
| S/Sgt E. A. Vollmer | LWG |
| S/Sgt D. S. McGill | TG |

CREW NO. 76 P #42-31895

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Lt J. C. Harper | P |
| Lt T. L. Hulsey | CP |
| Lt C. C. Cowing | N |
| Lt W. A. Naegle | B |
| T/Sgt R. E. Hudson | R |
| T/Sgt W. S. Carter | E |
| S/Sgt J. B. Kyr | BTG |
| S/Sgt F. A. Padstawski | RWG |
| S/Sgt K. C. Helming | LWG |
| S/Sgt J. L. Mauk | TG |

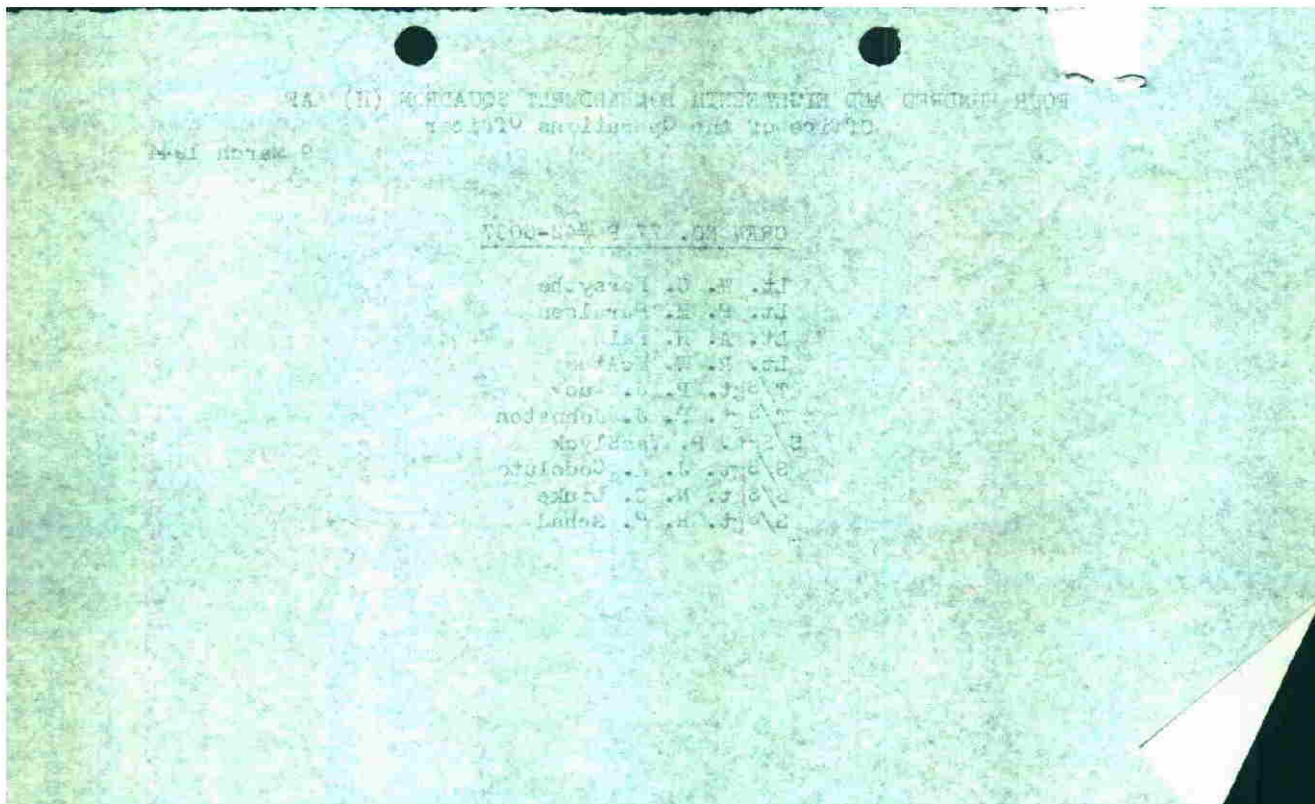
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CREW NO. 77 P #42-6037

Lt. W. C. Forsythe
Lt. P. H. Baralson
Lt. A. H. Paine
Lt. R. W. McAtee
T/Sgt. P. J. Buck
T/Sgt. P. J. Johnston
S/Sgt. P. VanSlyck
S/Sgt. J. A. Codoluto
S/Sgt. N. C. Linke
S/Sgt. R. D. Schad

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CHECK NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS
PRESENT OTHER THAN CREW MEMBERS

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| ✓ABBEY, LT. | TURNER, MAJOR |
| BALL, LT. | WILLIAMS, J.C. LT. |
| BARR, CAPT. | WILLIAMS, H. M/SGT. |
| BENNETT, MAJOR | ***** |
| BLAKELY, CAPT. | S-2 DUTY OFFICER <u>Lt. Bauman</u> |
| CARNELL, CAPT. | <u>Maj. Shaw</u> |
| CLOUTER, LT. | <u>Lt. Terry</u> ✓ |
| CROSBY, CAPT. | <u>Lt. King</u> |
| DOUGLASS, CAPT. | <u>S/Sgt. Christensen</u> |
| ELTON, MAJOR | <u>S/Sgt. Armour</u> |
| FLESHER, LT. COL. | <u>S/Sgt. Gannon</u> |
| FRYE, LT. | <u>Sgt. DuPraz</u> |
| FULLER, CAPT. | <u>Sgt. Wyatt.</u> ✓ |
| HARDING, COL. | DUTY NAVIGATOR <u>Lt. Abbey</u> |
| HARDY, CAPT. | DUTY BOMBARDIER <u>Lt. Kelley</u> |
| HIBBARD, LT. | ***** |
| IANNACONE, CAPT. | Add additional names when verbally authorized by S-2 Duty Officer: |
| KIDD, LT. COL. | <u>M/lt Mac Cracken</u> |
| KIESSLING, CAPT. | <u>Maj. Cohen</u> |
| KINDER, CAPT. | _____ |
| KNIGHT, CAPT. | _____ |
| LASH, CAPT. | _____ |
| LUCKADOO, LT. | _____ |
| MCCARTHY, CAPT. | |
| REEDER, CAPT. | DATE OF BRIEFING <u>9.3.44</u> |
| SHAW, MAJOR | |
| STOVER, CAPT. ✓ | |
| S-2 52-18/1/44 | |

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KNIGHT, CAPT.

LASH, CAPT.

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DATE OF BRIEFING 9.3.44

SHAW, MAJOR

STOVER, CAPT.

S-2 52-18/1/44

CHECK SHEET
Duty OfficerMARCH 9, 1944
(Date)

(Check each of following as handled)

SPECIAL
NOTES

BRIEFING INFORMATION

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------|---|
| 1. From File Room | ✓ |
| 2. From Map Room | ✓ |
| 3. Course, pictures & maps (War Room) | ✓ |
| 4. Pictures & maps (Main Briefing Room) | ✓ |
| 5. Course - Briefing Rooms (Duty Navigator) | ✓ |
| 6. Bulk maps & pictures to Map Room | ✓ |
| 7. Epidiascope pictures prepared | ✓ |

FOOD

FIRES

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Gunners' Briefing Room (Tele. #53) | ✓ |
| 2. Main Briefing Room (By 2400 hours) | ✓ |

GUARDS

- | | |
|------------------------------|---|
| 1. Authorized Admission List | ✓ |
| 2. Posting | ✓ |
| 3. Dismissal | ✓ |

P/W KITS

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Loading | ✓ |
| 2. Check out sheet & EM assignment | ✓ |

POST BRIEFING

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Personal property & issue records to S-2 | ✓ |
| 2. Main Briefing Rm. (Lights out, stoves closed) | ✓ |
| 3. Briefing Material to Files in folder (Removed from both Briefing Rooms) | ✓ |

(Fill in time or name)

1. Pre-Briefing at NONE2. Briefing at 04303. Time over target 1P at 13104. ETR 7540 approx - chub5. No. Crews on Mission 96. File & Map clerks called at 07007. Other EM called at 0700

8. Officers notified at:

a. Main Briefing MAJ SHAW 0230b. Gunners' Briefing LT TERRY 0230c. Major Shaw 2200

9. Assignments:

a. Gunners' Epiadiascope SGT WYATTb. Main Br. Epiadiascope SGT GANNONc. P/W Kits SGT ARMOURd. Map Room SGT DU PRAZ10. Personal phone calls stopped 0415

NOTE: Official telephone calls are to be noted in the Journal. Time, Date & Duty Officer's initials go on each order or annex received from Operations.

Jack Bauman
1st Lt. HQ

S-2 52/2-2-44

AUTOMATIC CAMERAS WILL
START + STOP THEMSELVES.

Please inform radio operators
of the ships listed below that
cameras are installed on their
planes...They will automatically
start at bombs away.

After running five minutes
please turn switch off which is
located in bomb bay.

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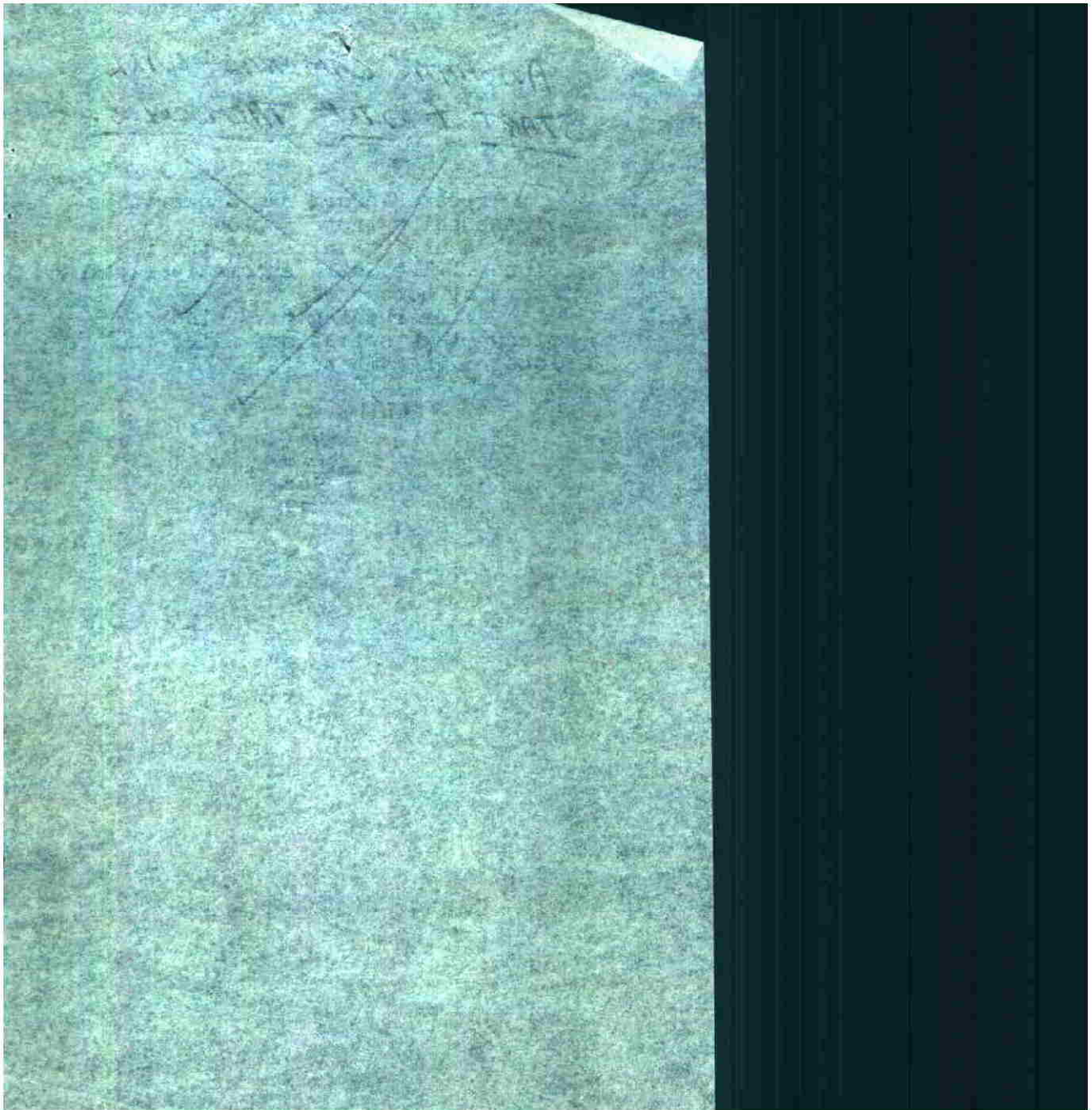
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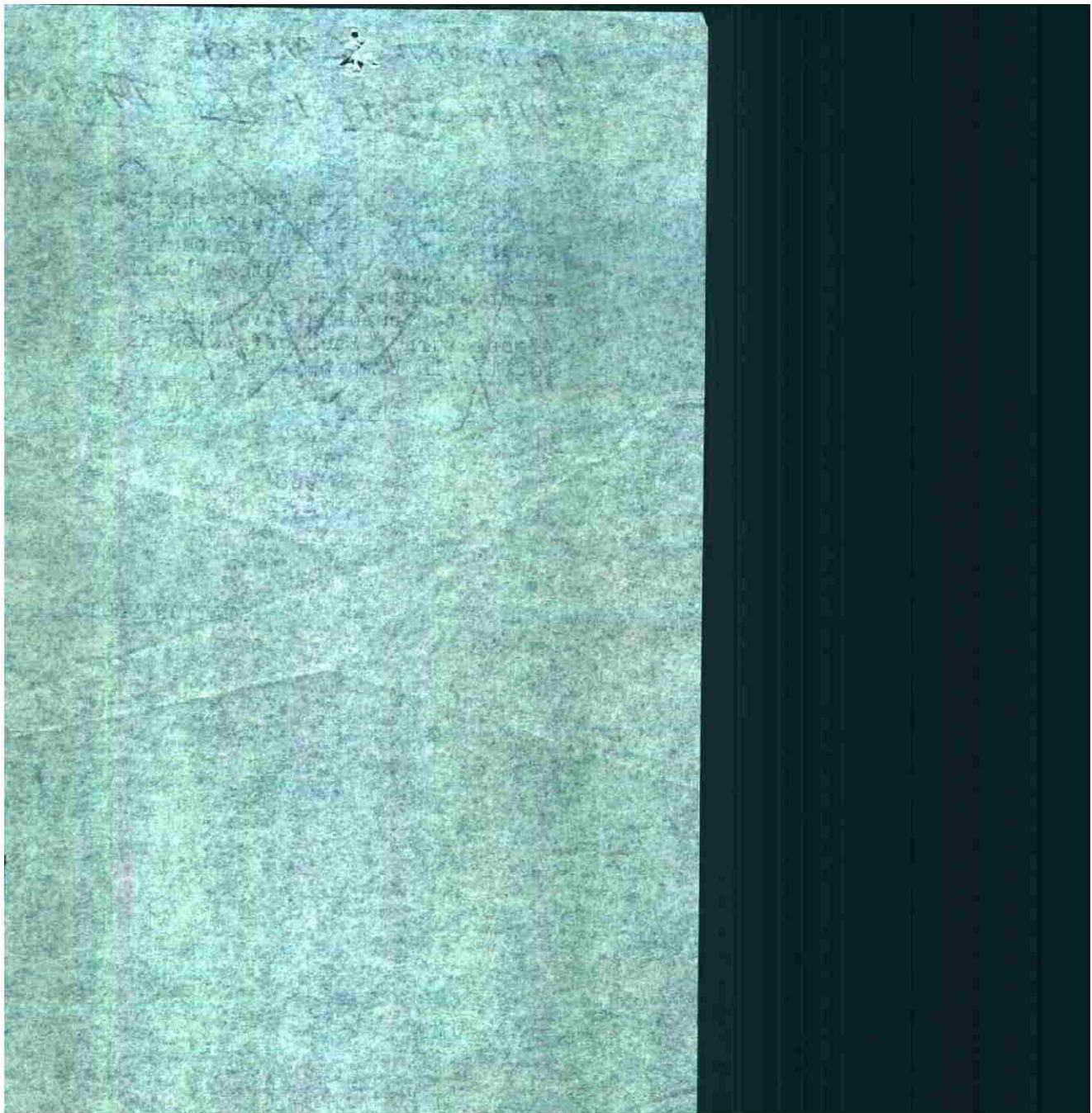
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4. SIZE AND NATURE OF OUR EFFORT

a. Size and Time of effort over PT:

13 C.W. with 2 PFF attached will lead 3rd DIV. - 2 G.P.S
 45 C.W. " " " " echelon left on vx - 2 G.P.S
 4 C.W. will follow us at 5 mile interval

b. Group leading our formation 95th - we fly Low SqDN. in this G.P.

c. Positions of Squadrons in our Group: Lead _____; High _____;

Low _____;

d. Bombing alt. of our Group 23,000; for lead G.P. _____; other Groups _____e. Bomb load 70-500 LB. G.P.

f. Other efforts:

Targets and times of Diversions and other Friendly efforts:

5. FIGHTER SUPPORT (Warn against firing against our own escort)a. Type of A/C P-38-47-51; Strength 11 G.P. + 2 SqDNs.

b. Time and place of rendezvous _____

c. Extent of escort:

5237-0700 - 1 G.P. P-47's - 1131

5237-0840 - 1 G.P. P-47's - 1154

5300-1150 - 1 G.P. P-51's - 1240

TARGET - 1 G.P. P-38's - 1317

5237-1000 - 2 SqDN P-51's RAF-1353

5237-0830 - 1 G.P. P-47's - 1417

6. EPIADIASCOPE 5237-0720 - 6 G.P. P-47 - area support - 14237. CLOSING REMARKS

a. All observations - TIME, PLACE AND ALTITUDE

b. Hot News - report time, place, and altitude of our A/C down or going down at sea; or enemy territory and Enemy Naval forces.

c. NOTIFY NAVIGATOR IMMEDIATELY IF E/A IS BELIEVED DAMAGED OR DESTROYED SO THAT PROPER NOTE IS MADE IN NAVIGATOR'S LOG

d. If captured: Name, Rank, and Serial No.

SCHWANTER FOREST - Component parts for both HE 177's and JU 88's are manufactured at S.T. - *at our target -*

Frederickshagen Station - located in the center of the city of Berlin

L.R.

Any military objective positively identified as German - Any target within 50 miles of the Polish Border must be positively identified

2. ROUTE IN (Timing data).

- a. Taxi 0715
- b. Take off 0730
- c. Rendezvous with other Groups 0830
- d. Reach Bombing altitude 0940
- e. Temperature at Bombing altitude -36 F
- f. Leave British coast 1018
- g. Arrive Enemy Coast 1048
- h. ETA at IP for PT 1370
- i. Axis of attack _____
- j. PT (s) 1317
- k. Rally point 1327

ROUTE OUT (Timing Data)

- l. Leave Enemy coast 1455
 - m. Time of descent 7054
 - n. Place of descent Enemy coast
 - o. Arrive English coast 7537
 - p. ETR 7540
- 4 to 6/10 low clouds + 4 to 6/10 mil - 12 to 14,000 + scattered high clouds at 25,000*

3. ENEMY DEFENSES

- a. KNOWN Flak areas along route in and out: (Number & Type of Guns)
If Known (Mobile Flak units; on RR cars & barges)

ZWOLLE - VECHTA - DIEPHOLZ + DUMMER LAKE AREA
nienburg
AD's at PERLEBURG, NEURUPPIN and STENDAL -

There are thought to be 40-50 guns of the Berlin Defenses within range of this target - Care should be taken not to approach target south of briefed route.

- b. FLAK around P. T. # Heavy guns 40-50 : # light guns _____
- c. FLAK around S. T. # Heavy guns _____ : # light guns _____
- d. FLAK around L. R. # Heavy guns _____ : # light guns _____
- e. E/A: Types... within 125 miles radius of the Target:
Number - S/E 60 ; T/E 125 ; F/B _____ ; RTU _____
- f. Other defenses:
 - a. Smoke Screen
 - b. Decoys

MAIN BRIEFING

DATE - 9-

BRIEFING O. _____

Target 1750 ft x 3000 ft.

1. TARGETS: (IMPORTANCE, SIZE & IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS)

A. PRIMARY TARGET: *Heinkel Component works*

at Oranienburg - 17 miles No. NE of Center of City of Berlin - It is the main Heinkel factory in this area. 1/2 of Heinkels are assembled at 1st Div target the other half at 2nd Div target. These assemblies in turn depend on air component target - Over M.P.I. building 11 - in the center of the 8 road intersection - 3 1/2 miles from intersection of two roads.

B. SECONDARY TARGET: *1 3/4 miles N.W. of large lake*

1/2 to left almost East - SE 1/2 miles from large area

In case several bombing impossible drop on P.Z. Friedrichshagen Station in Center of Berlin -

2. ROUTE: (FLAK AREAS ON ROUTE IN & RETURN)

A. FROM ENEMY COAST TO I.P.:

Avoid Immenhagen & Kampsteden - Zwickau - Meppin
LINGEN - Vechta - NEINBURG Celle - DIEPHOLZ - DUMMER LANE
Elasiracker recommended - A/D PERLEBURG - NEURUPPIN - STENDAL

B. FROM I.P. TO TARGET:

Do not set course to south as defenses are strong

C. GUNS AT P.T.: # HEAVY 40 to 50 GUNS AT S.T.: # HEAVY 350 GUNS AT L.R.: # HEAVY _____

D. MOBILE FLAK UNITS on RR cars or BARGES (if any)

3. ENEMY FIGHTERS: WITHIN MILES OF THE TARGET.

A. NUMBER: S/E 600 T/E 125 F/B 10 RTU _____

B. TACTICS: (anything new or unusual)

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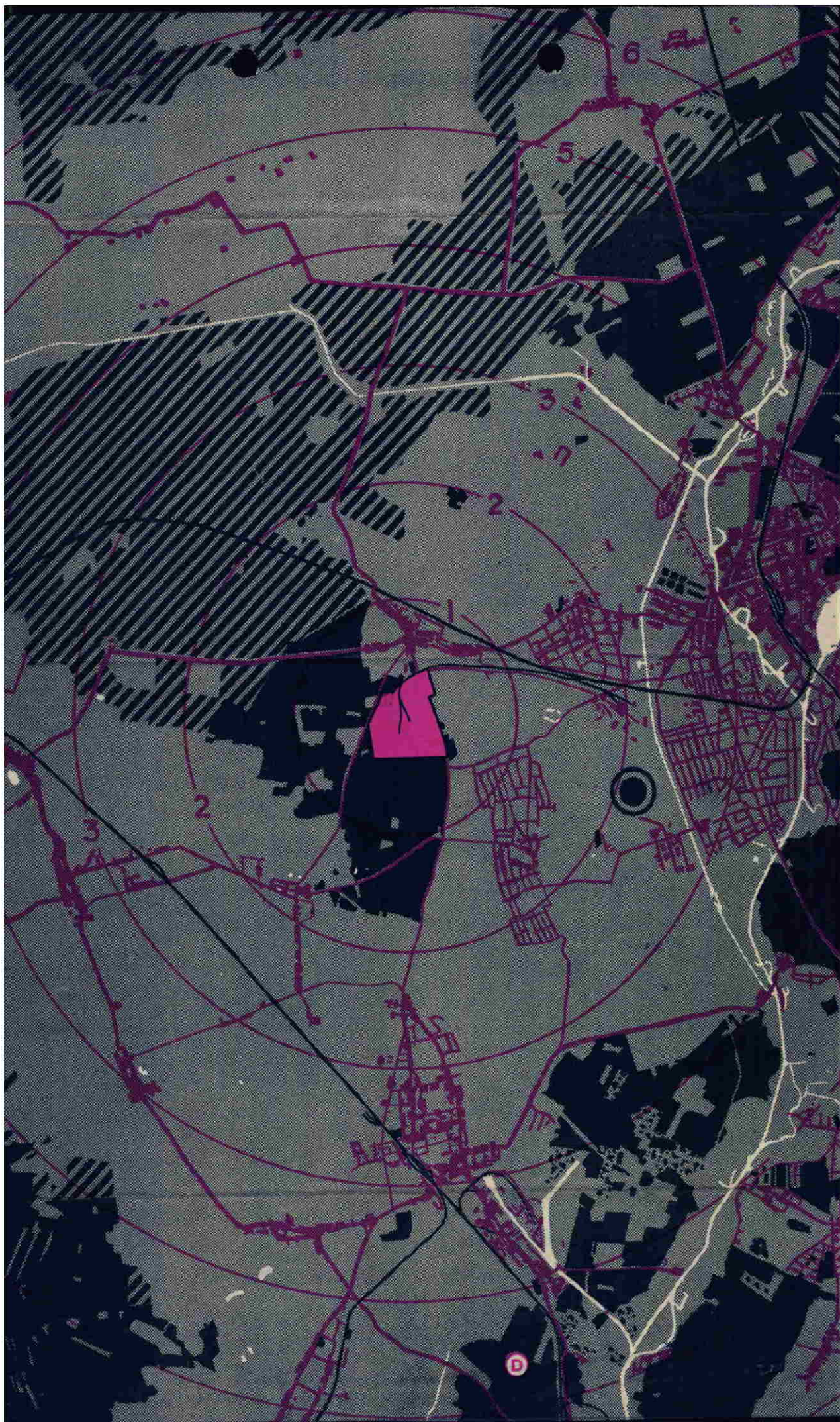
6. CLOSING REMARKS:

MAKE AS MANY OBSERVATIONS AS POSSIBLE...REPORTING SAME TO YOUR NAVIGATOR.

IF CAPTURED....NAME, RANK & SERIAL NUMBER.

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ERNST HEINKEL FLUGZEUGWERKE
G.m.b.H.

ORANIENBURG (Germendorf)
(GERMANY)

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0 500 1000 1500 2000 YARDS
0 1/2 1 MILE

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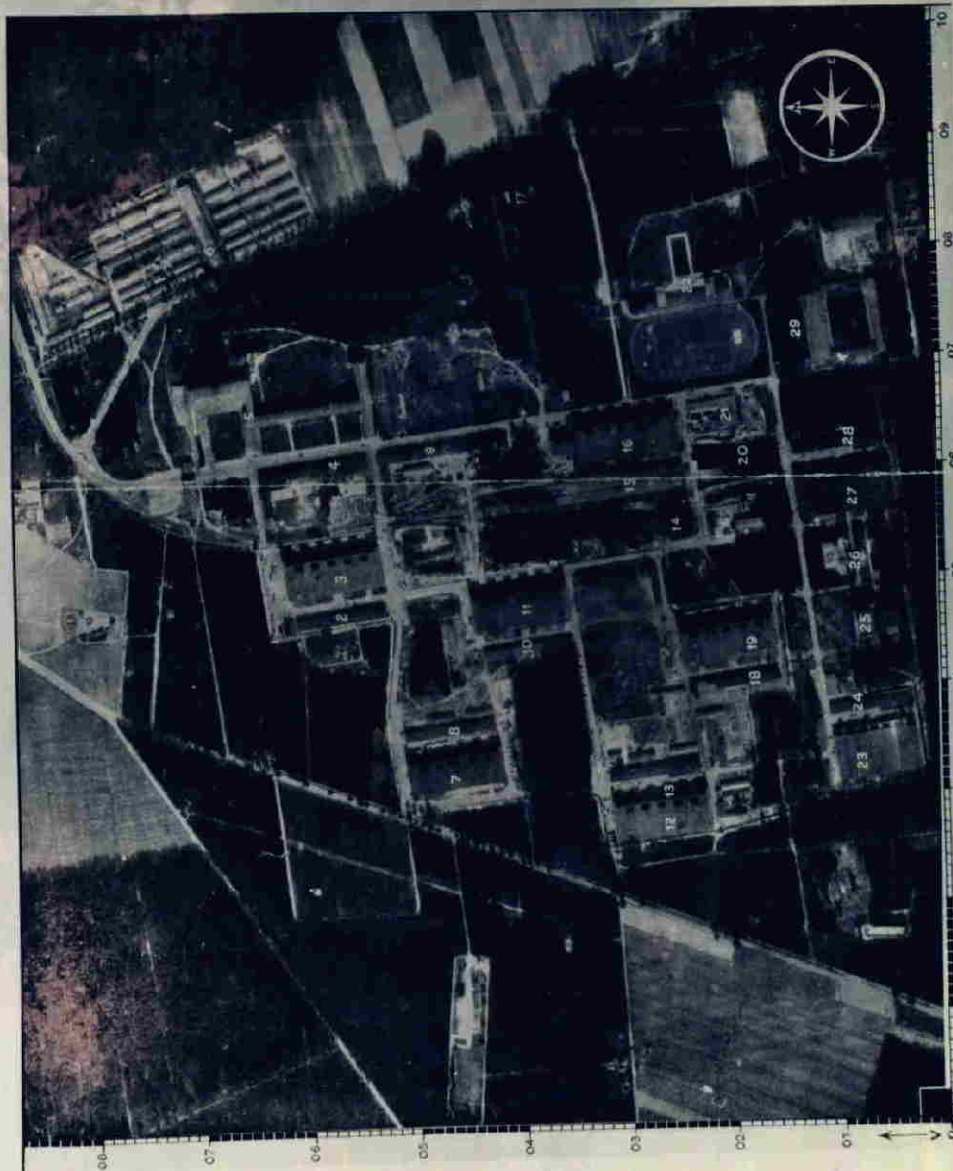
ORANIENBURG (Germania)
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ERNST-HEINKE FLUGZEUGWERKE
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1. MAIN ENTRANCE TO WORKS
2. STORES AND OFFICES
3. LARGE WORKSHOP
4. GARAGES AND M.T. BAY
5. MAIN OFFICES AND CANTEN
6. LARGE HUTTED CAMP
7. LARGE WORKSHOP
8. STORES AND OFFICES
9. WORKSHOPS AND STORES
10. STORES AND OFFICES
- 11 & 12. LARGE WORKSHOP
13. STORES AND OFFICES
14. BOILER HOUSE
15. DISPATCH OR UNLOADING BAY
16. MAIN STORES
17. UNIDENTIFIED
18. STORES AND OFFICES
19. LARGE WORKSHOP
20. WORKSHOP OR STORES
21. STORES
22. RECREATION AND SPORTS CENTRE
23. LARGE WORKSHOP
24. STORES AND OFFICES
25. BOILER HOUSE
26. SMALL WORKSHOP
27. LARGE WORKSHOP
28. STORES AND OFFICES
29. TECHNICAL SCHOOL

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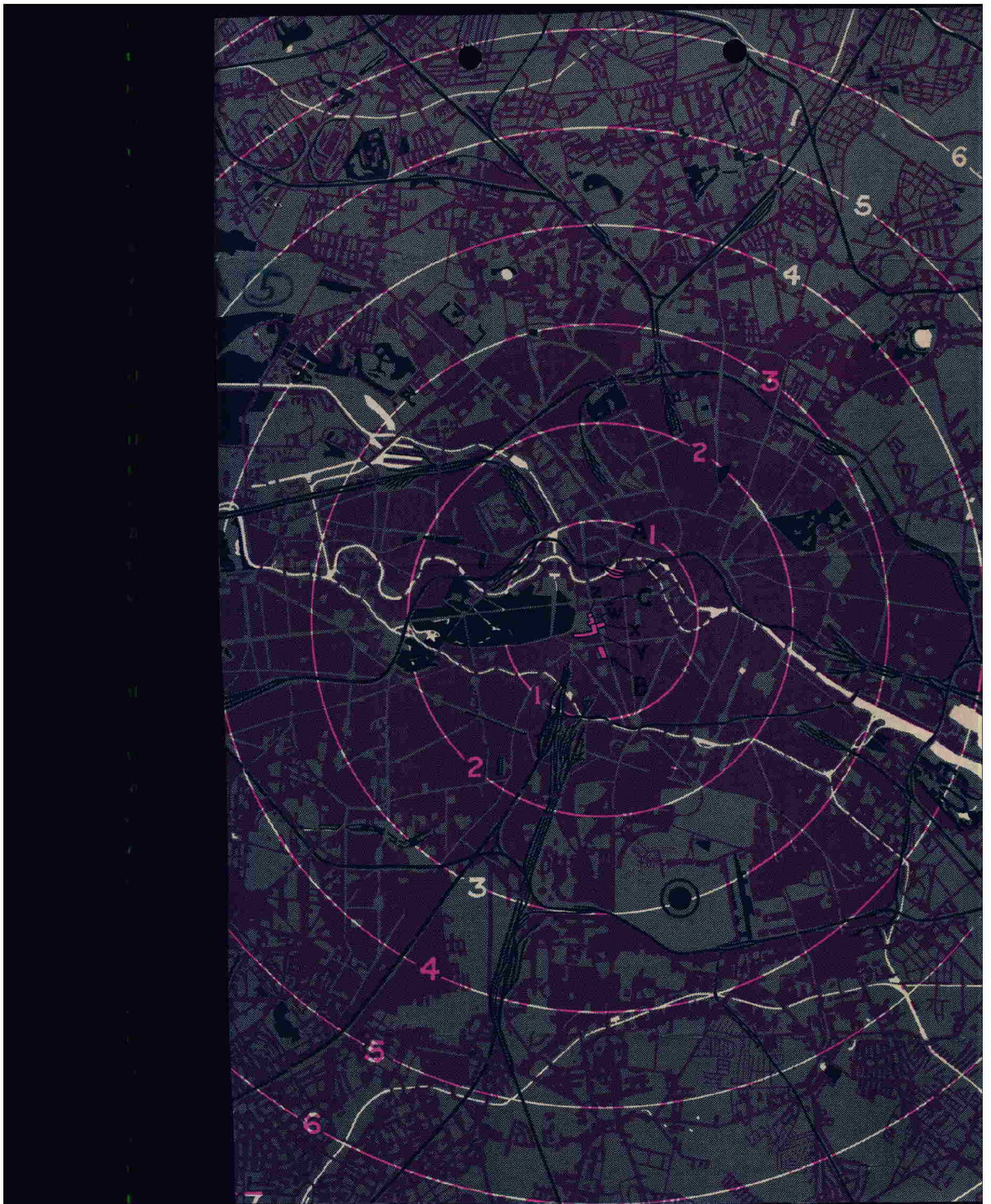
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SECRET 3 B.D. R-84-E

ADVANCE WARNING TO 3 B.D. FIELD ORDER NO. 175

2. A. TARGETS

PRIMARY : GY-4800 MPI BLD. NO. 11 ON ILL./4
SECONDARY : GH-487A

B. FORCE REQUIRED

4 COMWG - 3 GROUPS - 21 A/C PER GROUP
13 COMWG - 2 GROUPS - 21 A/C PER GROUP
45 COMWG - 2 GROUPS - 21 A/C PER GROUP

C. ROUTE (TENTATIVE)

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LASHER NO. 5 5237-0436E

5237-1000E

5318-1328E

5259-1346E

TARGET

5237-1136E

5237-1000E

5237-0436E

LOWESTOFT

BASE

3.X. (1) ZERO HOUR: 1000 BST 9 MARCH 1944 (AT CROMER)

(2) BOMB LOAD: 4 COMWG:
2 GPS. - 10 X 500 LB. G.P. , 1/10 NOSE
1 GP. - 1/100 TAIL.
1 GP. - MAX. LOAD M-47A1 I.B.'S.
13 AND 45 COMWGS:
1 GP. - 10 X 500 LB. G.P.NXXXX , 1/10 NOSE,
1/100 TAIL
1 GP. - MAX. LOAD M-47A1 I.B.'S.

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO FO NO. 175, GY 4800

RECENT COVER OF THIS TARGET SHOWS THAT WINGS FOR JU-88 FIGHTERS AND BOMBERS ARE NOW MADE HERE IN ADDITION TO COMPONENTS FOR ASSEMBLY.

MORE HE-177'S HAVE BEEN SEEN IN ADJACENT FIELDS RECENTLY, AND ABOUT 40 A MONTH ARE PRODUCED HALF AT GY 4817 AND HALF AT GY 4799. ALL COMPONENTS FOR THESE TWO TARGETS OF 1ST AND 2ND DIVISION ARE MADE AT GY 4800.

IF UNABLE TO ATTACK PRIMARY OR SECONDARY, TARGETS OF LAST RESORT MAY BE CHOSEN FROM AIRDROMES ON ROUTE OUT SUCH AS QUAKENBRUCK, VECHTA.

FLAK:

MOST OF ROUTE IN TO TARGET IS SAME AS DESCRIBED IN INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO FO 174. THE SMALL DEFENSES ENROUTE THAT SEEM TO HAVE DELIVERED THE ACCURATE FIRE ARE ZWOLLE, VECHTA, DIEPHOLZ AND DUMMER LAKE. THE EXACT SOURCE OF THE FLAK FROM THE DIEPHOLZ AND DUMMER LAKE AREA IS NOT KNOWN BUT EVASIVE ACTION THRU THIS AREA IS DESIREABLE. THE A/D AT PERLEBURG, NEURUPPIN AND STENDAL ARE DEFENDED. THE BRIEFED COURSE INTO AND OUT FROM TARGET AREA IS WITHIN RANGE OF FORTY TO FIFTY GUNS. CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO KEEP FROM GOING SOUTH OF COURSE THRU THIS AREA AS THE DEFENSES TO THE SOUTHEAST OF THE TARGET ARE STRONG.

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3D BOMB DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 175

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12:17 A*

1. A. FIGHTER SUPPORT.

TO FOLLOW

B. FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES.

1ST DIVISION FORCES (4 COMWGS)

ATTACKING TARGET GY4799

WILL DEPART CROMER AT SUCH TIME AS TO ARRIVE AT 5237-0436E
AT ZERO HOUR.

2ND DIVISION FORCES (3 COMWGS) ATTACKING TARGET GY4817

WILL DEPART CROMER AT SUCH TIME AS TO ARRIVE AT 5237-0436E
AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 16 MINUTES.

2.A. TARGETS.

PRIMARY: GY 4800

MPI'S: ON ILLUSTRATION NO. 4

13 COMWG: LEAD GP. - BLDG. NO. 7 ✓

SECOND GP. - BLDG. NO. 12

45 COMWG: LEAD GP. - BLDG. NO. 23

SECOND GP. - BLDG. NO. 19

4 COMWG: LEAD GP. - BLDG. NO. 27

SECOND GP. - BLDG. NO. 3

THIRD GP. - BLDG. NO. 16

SECONDARY: GH 487A

LAST RESORT: ANY MILITARY OBJECTIVE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED
 AS GERMAN. SEE INTELLIGENCE ANNEX FOR
 AIRDROME TARGETS.

B. FORCE REQUIRED.

4 COMWG: 3 GROUPS - 21 A/C PER GROUP

13 COMWG: 2 GROUPS - 21 A/C PER GROU

45 COMWG: 2 GROPS - 21

A/C PER GROUP

C. DIVISION ASSEMBLY LINE.

BUNCHER NO. 12 (23,000 FEET)

BUNCHER NO. 9 (SNETTERTON HEATH)

LOWESTOFT

ZERO HOUR MINUS 51 MINS.

ZERO HOUR MINUS 44 MINS.

ZERO HOUR MINUS 32 MINS.

D.

D. ROUTES.

(1) LOWESTOFT

5237-0436E

5237-1000E

5318-1328E

5259-1346E (I.P.)

TARGET

5254-1300E (R.P. 22,000FEET)

5251-1245E (START DESCENT TO
15,000 FEET)

5237-1136E

5237-1000E

5237-0436E (START DESCENT TO
MIN. ALT.)

ZERO HOUR MINUS 32 MINS.

ZERO HOUR PLUS 8 MINS.

ZERO HOUR PLUS 82 MINS.

ZERO HOUR PLUS 133 MINS.

ZERO HOUR PLUS 140 MINS.

ZERO HOUR PLUS 147 MINS.

ZERO HOUR PLUS 151 MINS.

ZERO HOUR PLUS 154 MINS.

ZERO HOUR PLUS 166 MINS.

ZERO HOUR PLUS 183 MINS.

ZERO HOUR PLUS 245 MINS.

LOWEST POINT
BASE

ZERO HOUR PLUS 281; .8,

- (2) THE 13 COMWG WILL APPROACH BUNCHER NO. 12 FROM THE SOUTH.
THE 45 COMWG WILL APPROACH BUNCHER NO. 12 FROM THE WEST.
THE 4 COMWG WILL APPROACH BUNCHER NO. 12 FROM THE SOUTHWEST

- N (3) DESCENT FROM 5251-1245E TO 15,000 FEET WILL BE MADE AT
160 IAS, 200 FEET PER MINUTE.

DESCENT TO MINIMUM ALTITUDE WILL BEGIN AT 5237-0436E.

E. BOMBING ALTITUDES.

LEAD GROUPS 23,000 FEET

3. A. THE 13 COMBAT BMXXXX BMXXX BOMB WING WITH 2 PFF A/C ATTACHED
WILL LEAD THE THIRD DIVISION FORCES.
B. THE 45 COMBAT BOMB WING WITH 1 PFF A/C ATTACHED WILL
ECHELON LEFT ON THE 13 COMWG.
C. THE 4 COMBAT BOMB WING WILL FOLLOW THE 45 COMWG AT A
5 MILE INTERVAL.

- X. (1) ZERO HOUR: 1050 BST 9 MARCH 1944

(2) BOMB LOAD:

13 COMWG:

- 1 GP. 10 X 500 LB. G.P., 1/10 NOSE AND 1/100 AXX TAIL
FUSING.
1 GP. MAX. LOAD M-47A1 I.B.'S.

45 COMWG:

- 1 GP. 10 X 500 LB. G.P., 1/10 NOSE AND 1/100 TAIL
FUSING.
1 GP. M/. LOAD M-47A1 I.B.'S.

4 COMWG:

- 2 GPS. 10 X 500 LB. G.P., 1/10 NOSE AND 1/100 TAIL
FUSING.
1 GP. MAX. LOAD M-47A1 I.B.'S.

(3) PFF A/C DISPOSITION:

- ~~2 H2XXXX~~ 2 H2X TO THE 95 GROUP
1 H2X TO THE 452 GROUP

- (4) IF ASSIGNED MPI HAS BEEN DESTROYED, GROUPS WILL SELECT ANY
PORTION OF TARGET AREA NOT PREVOXXX PREVIOUSLY ATTACKED

- (5) COMBAT WINGS WILL FLY AS CLOSE TOGETHER AS POSSIBLE DURING
ENTIRE ROUTE.

4. NORMAL

COMWGS WILL FORWARD COPIES OF RESPECTIVE FIELD ORDERS
TO THIS HEADQUARTERS.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

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ANNEX NO. 1 TO 3 B.D. FIELD ORDER NO. 175

1. A. FIGHTER SUPPORT:

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1 GP P-47'S FROM 5237-0700E | DENVER 2-1 |
| 1 GP P-47'S FROM 5237-0840E | DENVER 2-2 |
| 1 GP P-51'S FROM 5300-1150E | DENVER 2-3 |
| 1 GP P-38'S FROM TARGET | DENVER 2-4 |
| 2 SQDNS RAF P-51'S FROM 5237-1000E | GARLIC |
| 1 GP P-47'S FROM 5237-0830E | DENVER 2-5 |
| 6 GPS P-47'S K PROVIDING GENERAL SUPPORT IN AREA OF 5237-0720E. | |

TIMINGS:

| | |
|------------|-------------------------|
| 5237-0700E | ZERO HOUR PLUS 41 MINS |
| 5237-0840E | ZERO HOUR PLUS 64 MINS |
| 5300-1150E | ZERO HOUR PLUS 110 MINS |
| TARGET | ZERO HOUR PLUS 147 MINS |
| 5237-1000E | ZERO HOUR PLUS 183 MINS |
| 5237-0830E | ZERO HOUR PLUS 200 MINS |
| 5237-0720E | ZERO HOUR PLUS 213 MINS |

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. SPLASHER BEACONS ON DURING ENTIRE MISSION
4H, 5B, 6B, 7C, 8D, 9E, 10F, 11G, 16I

B. GEE INFORMATION: EASTERN WYOMING AND SOUTHERN CAROLINA
CHAINS ON GRADE A TRANSMISSION DURING ENTIRE MISSION.
GEE CODE: FOR MORNING 9/3/44

| TIME | B-PULSE | C-PULSE |
|---------------|-------------------|---------|
| 2347-0405 HRS | 2 | 7 |
| 0405-0600 | 7 | 9 |
| 0600-1900 | NORMAL: NO CODING | |

(NOTE:- THE ABOVE READINGS TO BE SUBTRACTED FROM INDICATOR
READING BEFORE INTERPOLATING ON THE LATTICE CHARTS.)

C. MF D/F SECTION "G"

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W/T:- BOMBER CODE GROUP FOR "SPARE GROUP 22"

VHF:- "SWITCHBOARD"

E. RCM:-

- (1) CARPET:- ALL OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT EQUIPPED WILL CARRY AND OPERATE CARPET IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS.
- (2) WINDOW:- ALL AIRCRAFT OF THE 13 COMBAT WING, 4 COMBAT WING AND THE LEAD GROUP FOR THE 45 COMBAT WING WILL EACH CARRY 240 UNITS OF CHAFF TO BE DISCHARGED IN THE TARGET AREA STARTING AT A POINT 2 MINUTES BEFORE THE IP AND CONTINUING FOR 12 MINUTES AT THE RATE OF ONE UNIT EVERY 3 SECONDS.
- (3) MANDREL:- BEING USED ON A SEPARATE TEST BY THE 96TH GROUP AND WILL BE CONTROLLED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS. MANDREL WILL BE IN OPERATION FROM ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE MAIN FORMATION TAKES OFF TO APPROXIMATELY THE TIME THE MAIN FORMATION ARRIVES AT THE ENEMY COAST. IN THE EVENT THAT MANDREL INTERFERES WITH THE VHF, THE COMBAT WINGS CHANNEL WILL BE 6440 KC/S UNTIL THE INTERFERENCE CEASES AND THEN THE NORMAL CHANNELS WILL BE RESUMED.

F. VHF BOMBER FIGHTER CHANNEL "C":-

USAAF BOMBER FIGHTER:- AMERICAN FIGHTER COMMON

RAF FIGHTER BOMBER:- RAF 11 GROUP GUARD NO 1.

G. VHF BOMBER FIGHTER CALLSIGNS:-

BOMBERS:

13 COMBAT WING: GOLDSMITH TWO ONE

4 COMBAT WING: GOLDSMITH TWO TWO

45 COMBAT WING: GOLDSMITH TWO THREE

GROUND SECTOR:-

USAAF GROUND SECTOR: TACKLINE

RAF GROUND SECTOR:- SPICECAKE

FIGHTER CALLSIGNS:-

USAAF FIGHTERS: SEE PAR 1.

RAF FIGHTERS:- "GARLIC"

H. PFF CALLSIGNS:

95 GROUP 532A PNXA

95 GROUP 8800 PN XO

452 GROUP 915N PN XN

- I. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: VHF CHANNEL D THE AIR SEA RESCUE CHANNEL WILL ONLY BE USED FOR RESCUE COMMUNICATION. RADIO DISCIPLINE MUST BE MAINTAINED ON THIS CHANNEL IN ORDER TO OBTAIN EFFECTIVE RESULTS. ALL CREWS WILL BE BRIEFED ACCORDINGLY.

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ANNEX NO. 2 TO 3 B.D. FIELD ORDER NO. 175

ADD TO PARA 1. B. FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES:

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FIRST BOMB DIVISION

| ROUTE | ALTITUDE |
|-----------|----------|
| CROMER | |
| 5237-0436 | 23,000 |
| 5237-1000 | |
| 5318-1328 | |
| 5250-1350 | |
| TARGET | 25,000 |
| 5237-1136 | |
| 5237-1000 | 15,000 |
| 5237-0436 | |
| LOWESTOFT | |

SECOND BOMB DIVISION

| ROUTE | ALTITUDE |
|-----------|----------|
| CROMER | |
| 5237-0436 | 21,000 |
| 5237-1000 | |
| 5307-1220 | |
| 5237-1253 | |
| TARGET | 21,000 |
| 5215-1230 | |
| 5237-1136 | |
| 5237-1000 | 15,000 |
| 5237-0436 | |
| LOWESTOFT | |

3. X. (6) SPECIAL BOMBING INSTRUCTIONS: FOR PRIMARY, SALVO. INTERVALOMETER SETTING OF 200 FEET WILL BE USED IF SECONDARY TARGET IS BOMBED.

(7) ANY LAST RESORT TARGETS ATTACKED WITHIN 50 MILES OF THE DUTCH BORDER MUST BE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED.

(8) THE LEAD COMWG WILL REPORT BY VHF AND W/T IN CLEAR TEXT WHEN THE TIME SCHEDULE OR ROUTE ON THE ORIGINAL FLIGHT PLAN IS NOT MAINTAINED. THE MESSAGE WILL CONTAIN THE COMWG CALL SIGN, THE TIME CONTROL POINT NUMBER, AND THE NUMBER OF MINUTES EARLY OR LATE OR MILES OFF COURSE AND DIRECTION AT THE CONTROL POINT.

(9) CONTROL POINTS:

| | |
|----|---------------|
| 1 | ENGLISH COAST |
| 2 | 5237-0500 |
| 3 | 5237-0700 |
| 4 | 5237-0840 |
| 5 | 5237-1000 |
| 6 | 5300-1150 |
| 7 | TARGET |
| 8 | 5237-1000 |
| 9 | 5237-0830 |
| 10 | 5237-0720 |

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. SPLASHER BEACONS:
CHANGE 5B TO READ 5A

G. VHF BOMBER FIGHTER CALLSIGNS
CHANGE TO READ
13 COMBAT WING - ~~XX~~ GOLDSMITH 2-1
45 COMBAT WING - GOLDSMITH 2-2
4 COMBAT WING - GOLDSMITH 2-3

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13 CBW F.O. 175.

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2. A. THIS WING ATTACKS PURSUANT TO 3 BD F.O. 175.

B. ASSEMBLY:-

COLCHESTER 5153 - 0054E ZERO HOUR MINUS 59 MINS.

95TH GR FROM S AT 23000 FEET.

390TH GR FROM SE AT 22000 FEET.

BUNCHER 12 ZERO HOUR MINUS 51 MINS.

3. A. 95TH GR LEADS 13 A/C PLUS 3 PFF A/C

B. 390TH GR LOW 21 A/C PLUS 3 SPARE A/C

C. 100TH GR 6 A/C LOW SQDN 95TH GR PLUS 3 SPARE A/C FOR 95GR.

X. (1) FUEL LOAD MAX'M

(2) SPARE A/C TO FILL IN ANYWHERE IN COMBAT WG. SPARES
NOT FILLING IN WILL TURN BACK AT 0300E

(3) TRAIN INTERVAL MIN'M.

(4) BOMB LOAD;

95TH GR 10 X 500 G.P. 1/10, 1/100

390TH GR MAX'M M-47-A1'S

(5) IF PFF BOMBING IS EMPLOYED, USE
3 SECS DELAY IN DROPPING M-47-A1'S

4.

5. A PYROTECHNICS

R/T CALLSIGN

B. LEADERS

95TH GR G.G.

FIREBALLKX RED

COL. GILGER

390TH GR Y.G.

FIREBALL GREEN

MAJ. GEMMILL

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CC IN 3. A. SHOULD READ 95TH GR LEADS 13 A/C PLUS 2 PFF A/C
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ANNEX NO. 1 TO 13 CBW F.O. 175.

5. C.

THE FOLLOWING PFF CODE IS DESIGNED TO GIVE ALL NAVIGATORS OF THIS COMBAT WING THE BENEFIT OF RADAR FIXES OBTAINED BY THE PFF A/C IN THE LEAD GROUP. MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED BY THE PILOT OF PFF A/C ON CHANNEL "A" TO ALL "FIREBALL" A/C. ALL PILOTS SHOULD GIVE THIS MESSAGE VERBATUM TO THEIR NAVIGATORS IMMEDIATELY.

| PLACE | CODE |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| AMSTERDAM (5222-0453E) | REALSILK ONE |
| ZWOLLE (5230-0606E) | " " TWO |
| OSNABRUCK (5216-0804E) | " " THREE |
| BREMEN (5305-0848E) | " " FOUR |
| CELLE (5238-1004E) | " " FIVE |
| ULZEN (5257-1034E) | " " SIX |
| WITTENBERGE (5300-1145E) | " " SEVEN |
| NEUSTRELITZ (5322-1304E) | " " EIGHT |
| FRANZLAN (5319-1351E) | " " NINE |
| EBERSWALDE (5250-1349E) | " " TEN |

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| PLACE ----- | | CODE ----- |
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| AMSTERDAM | (5222-0453E) | REALSILK ONE |
| ZWOLLE | (5230-0606E) | " " TWO |
| OSNABRUCK | (5216-0804E) | " " THREE |
| BREMEN | (5305-0848E) | " " FOUR |
| HANOVER | (5223-0944E) | " " FIVE |
| CELLE | (5238-1008E) | " " SIX |
| ULZEN | (5257-1034E) | " " SEVEN |
| WITTENBERGE | (5300-1145E) | " " EIGHT |
| NEUSTRELITZ | (5322-1304E) | " " NINE |
| PRANZLAN | (5319-1351E) | " " TEN |
| EBERSWALDE | (5250-1349E) | " " NINE ELEVEN |
| STENDAL | (5237-1152E) | " " TWELVE |

MESSAGE WILL BE A RELATIVE BEARING FROM PFF A/C, GIVEN IN DEGREES AND THE DISTANCE IN NAUTICAL MILES. NAVIGATORS WILL USE THIS INFORMATION TO PLOT THEIR POSITIONS.

EXAMPLE:

POSITION TWENTY MILES NORTH OF HANOVER WOULD BE TRANSMITTED BY PFF PILOT AS FOLLOWS:

"PFF PILOT TO ALL FIREBALL A/C" (REPEAT) " NAVIGATION MESSAGE: REALSILK FIVE; NINETY DEGREES, TWENTY MILES". (REPEAT)

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